



Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- [BCIC \(6-12th graders\) Career Exploration \(registration required\)](#)
 - Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm
 - Virtual
 - Parents, interested in being a presenter in the future? [Register now!](#)
- [D220 Winter Wonderfest \(must purchase tickets\)](#)
 - Friday, December 12 and Saturday December 13
 - Barrington High School
 - [Thursday, December 11 Set Up Tree HS Volunteer Sign Up](#)
 - [Friday, December 12 Winterfest HS Volunteer Sign Up](#)
 - [Saturday, December 13 Winterfest HS Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [BCIC Open Board Meeting](#)
 - Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm
 - Barrington Area Library
- [BCIC 3rd-5th Grade Games \(registration required\)](#)
 - Saturday, January 24 from 9:30-11:30 am
 - Volunteer Sign Up coming soon
- [D220 Kindergarten Round Up](#)
 - Monday, February 2 at 6 pm
 - At your home elementary school
- [D220 Chinese Immersion Kindergarten Round Up](#)
 - Wednesday, February 4 at 6 pm
 - North Barrington Elementary
- [D220 Parent University for Chinese Immersion](#)
 - (Tentatively scheduled for) Wednesday, February 11 from 6-8 pm
 - Location TBD
- BCIC Lunar New Year: more details to come
 - Saturday, February 28 from 1-4 pm
 - BHS

- [Amazon Wishlist NOW OPEN!](#) Your donation helps support our big event!

We're Desperate for Volunteers!

Future BCIC events may be canceled or reduced in scale if more volunteers do not sign up.

Thank you to the 4 people that filled out our volunteer form. We so appreciate you! But, we need more help. Every small contribution has a big impact. Please see how you can support our group for the benefit of your children and their classmates.

[Complete the Volunteer Form Now](#)

Stay up to date on everything BCIC & subscribe to our newsletter.

Subscribe now here! Scroll to
bottom left of BCIC website.

6th - 12th grade students & their parents please
join us virtually for Career Exploration

Both students and parents are warmly invited to participate. Registration required. BCIC will email the link to all registered participants shortly before the webinar.

BCIC and Xilin Northwest Chinese School have brought together expert panelists to introduce students about career opportunities that involve:

- Utilizing mandarin language skills
- Working and collaborating with Chinese businesses and global organizations
- Exploring exciting opportunities to live and work in China or other Mandarin-speaking nations

BCIC is excited to present our esteemed panel of speakers:

- Mr. Robert Patchak, Vice President – Commercial and Operational Performance, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineer, Veolia North America
- Ms. Lu Zhang, Logistics expert, most recently Around the World Logistics
- Dr. Donghua Tao, Professor and Associate Dean for the Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Illinois Chicago
- Officer Kai Ding, City of Des Plaines Police Officer

6-12th Graders & Parents Register
for Career Exploration

Adults: Register to Present at a
Future Career Exploration

Stop by BCIC's table to play mahjong & try
calligraphy at D220's Winter Wonderfest!

Buy your Winter Wonderfest tickets here

High School Students: Sign up below to
volunteer with BCIC at Winter Wonderfest

HS Volunteer Tree
Decorating Thurs,
Dec 11

HS Volunteer Table
Support Fri, Dec
12

HS Volunteer Table
Support Sat, Dec
13

Save the Date



Join our BCIC Open Board Meeting in person or virtually. Learn about BCIC and hear how we are supporting the CI program through initiatives and events. Please use the registration link to submit a question/comment for our board to discuss by Friday, January 9.

Register for the Open Board Meeting and submit
your questions to our board [here!](#)

Attention all 3-5th graders! Gather up your friends or make a new one at BCIC's Games in Chinese event from 9:30-11:30 on Saturday, January 24. Stay for the whole two hours or just drop by for a little bit, but just be sure to register and come!

Save your spot now. Registration required for all attendees.

Not a drop off event; parent supervision required.

Register for 3-5 Grade Games in Chinese

Fill Out the Interest Survey for D220's Parent
University for Chinese Immersion

Save the date, but fill out the interest survey NOW to help guide D220 in the topics they present on at their upcoming Parent University for CI. Stay tuned for more details from the district on this special event.

Fill out D220's Interest Survey for
their Parent University NOW

D220 Embracing Diversity: Multicultural Night at BHS Thank you!

BCIC hosted a table showcasing traditional clothing & food along with cultural information about China at D220's inaugural multicultural night on Monday, October 27. Attendees visiting our booth enjoyed practicing their calligraphy skills as well as sampling tea and mooncakes! During the program portion of the event, two high school CI students beautifully read a poem in Mandarin impressing everyone. They did a wonderful job representing our CI program for the larger community.

Special thanks go to board member Deepta Ramesh for planning and running this new event. We also thank board members, Matt Benkert, Michelle Chase, & Kate Xu for supporting during the event.

Open Board Meeting: Thank you & Presentation Attached

Thank you to Becky Wiegel, Director of Language Programs, Grants & Family Engagement and Dr. Kathryn Wolfkiel, BHS World Language Department Chair for presentating at BCIC's open board meeting on November 13.

If you submitted a question that was not addressed during the meeting, we encourage you to contact our presenters directly.

If at any point, you have additional questions for the adminstration, please know that you can continue to reach out to them. Emails are below.

Email Becky Wiegel at rwiegel@barrington220.org

Email Kathryn Wolfkiel at kwolfkiel@barrington220.org

Link to District Presentation at BCIC's
Open November Meeting

Greencastle Thanksgiving Cards: Thank you!

Thank you to all our students and families that made Thanksgiving cards in different languages to be distributed to the residents at Greencastle. Your kindness and generosity will warm the hearts of many!

BCIC thanks board members, Michelle Chase and Deepta Ramesh, for assisting with coordinating this service project.

K-2 Storytime: Thank you!

On the morning of November 15, several youngsters enjoyed playing and learning at BCIC's Storytime event at the library. Students actively helped to read a selection of Chinese language books written by beloved authors Mo Willem and Jon Klassen, along with other interactive, award-winning children's books. Following this, students made colorful origami fish to take home.

Thanks go to board member, Zaoli Zheng, for planning this event with the assistance of board member, Yiming Wang.

November is a special time to give thanks. Give thanks to BCIC with a donation!

Your donation will help us to more generously support our events, students, & teachers!
BCIC welcomes donations of any size. We very much appreciate all company matches.

[This link](#) is a general donation towards BCIC that helps with all the things we support.

[This link](#) is specifically for a donation towards books to be used in our CI classrooms.

[This link](#) is specifically for a donation towards recruitment efforts.

Every spiritwear order helps support BCIC!

Are you looking for some holiday gifts for your loved ones? We've got ornaments, bags, blankets, and of course, t-shirts & sweatshirts!

Adults, grab some CI gear to wear around town or at upcoming BCIC events like LNY.

Kids, grab some new CI gear to wear on Fridays to show your school spirit.



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