

Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- **IMPORTANT:** [Submit your Parent University Interests/Preferences by Sunday, January 4](#)
 - [BCIC Open Board Meeting with former BCIC board members \(registration required\)](#)
 - 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
 - Barrington Area Library
 - [D220 "Ready, Set, Kindergarten"](#)
 - Monday, February 2 at 6 pm
 - At your home elementary school
 - **IMPORTANT:** D220 Ready, Set, Kindergarten: Chinese Immersion
 - [View last year's presentation from Feb 2025](#)
 - Encourage kindergarten friends to join & attend now!
 - 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
 - Rose Elementary
 - [BCIC Lunar New Year](#): Revtrak/Stripe coming after break
 - Saturday, February 28 from 1-4 pm
 - BHS
 - [Amazon Wishlist: We NEED your donations now!](#)
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TIME SENSITIVE: Complete by January 4 Fill out the Interest Survey for D220's Parent University for Chinese Immersion

Complete D220's Interest Survey

JANUARY 4 is over winter break; we encourage all to fill out this short survey NOW.

Then, save the evening of Wednesday, February 11 for the Parent University itself.

Do you know any preschoolers going to
kindergarten? Invite them to join CI!

[View Information about CI Kindergarten \(this is last year's presentation\)](#)

Save the Date

Register for the Open Board Meeting and submit
your questions to our board here!

Register and join our BCIC Open Board Meeting in person or virtually; link will be emailed shortly before meeting to registrants. A group of former board members will speak and answer questions. Come hear about CI and BCIC's history. Come learn about BCIC today 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.

It's time for some fun!

Register for 3-5 Grade Games in Chinese

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.

**It's the Year of the Horse! Save the date and
join us at BCIC's Lunar New Year Party!**

We are excited to celebrate Lunar New Year with students, family, and staff from District 220's K-12 Chinese Immersion program. New this year, all members of the Barrington area community and beyond are invited to join in the festivities! This family friendly celebration will feature Chinese and Asian arts and crafts, cultural performances, and experiences for all ages. \$15 admission tickets will be available for purchase beginning in January. Please join us for the festivities!

Career Exploration Thank you!

High school and middle school students learned about 4 different career opportunities and how knowing another language, including Mandarin, would be advantageous to those careers.

Many thanks to our amazing presenters!

- *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*

We thank Xilin for cohosting and partnering with BCIC for this event.

Many thanks go to board members Michelle Chase, Deepta Ramesh, & Becca Patchak for planning and cohosting this event.

D220 Winterfest Thank you!

BCIC decorated a tree with horse themed ornaments (to go with the upcoming LNY) created by our elementary students. New this year, BCIC hosted a table on both Friday and Saturday evening where guests played mahjong, practiced drawing characters on buddha boards, learned about Chinese culture, and more.

We appreciate the student volunteers that helped assemble & decorate our tree as well as those that helped at the table during Winterfest.

Special thanks go to board members, Deepta Ramesh, Leeann Chang, Zaoli Zhang, Matt Benkert, Erin Lales, & Becca Patchak for their contributions in preparing and hosting this special event.

Did you miss the presentation?

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

We're STILL Desperate for Volunteers!

We have decided to cancel our February Storytime at BAL; instead, this event will just be part of our LNY party.

To avoid more events being scaled down, merged, or canceled, we need more people to register to be volunteers. You can help in the planning process or the day of event, but we need you to sign up to be on a list to contact. 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

Every spiritwear order helps support BCIC!

Do you need a BCIC shirt to wear to our LNY event? We've got t-shirts & sweatshirts-- and lots of other fun gift ideas too!

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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