

Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- [D220 "Ready, Set, Kindergarten"](#)
 - Monday, February 2 at 6 pm
 - At your home elementary school
 - Begin registration process with [this district link](#)
- D220 Ready, Set, Kindergarten: Chinese Immersion
 - Wednesday, February 4 at 6 pm
 - North Barrington Elementary
 - [View last year's presentation from Feb 2025](#)
 - Encourage incoming kindergarteners to join & attend now!
 - Begin registration process with [this district link](#)
- [D220 Parent University for Chinese Immersion](#)
 - Wednesday, February 11 from 5:45-7:50 pm
 - Rose Elementary
 - [Registration required](#): Each parent/guardian attending must register.
- [BCIC Lunar New Year](#)
 - Saturday, February 28 from 1-4 pm
 - BHS
 - Purchase entry, concession, & raffle ticket on [RevTrak](#).
 - Registration for all attendees required.
 - [Amazon Wishlist: We still need donations!](#)
 - Adults and high schoolers: [Volunteer here!](#)
- BCIC Open Board Meeting
 - Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 pm
 - Barrington Area Library
 - [Registration for all attendees required.](#)

- BCIC Transition to High School Panel
 - Tuesday, March 31 from 6:30-8:00 pm
 - BHS in Upper Atrium
 - [Registration](#) for all attendees required
 - BCIC Transition to Middle School Panel
 - Wednesday, April 1 from 6:30-8:00 pm
 - Station Middle School in Media Center
 - [Registration](#) for all attendees required
 - Character Bee
 - More details to come!
 - BCIC Graduation Party
 - Sunday, April 26 5:30-8:00 pm
 - Graduates & their families: see below to ensure you receive important emails
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Do you know any kids going to kindergarten?
Invite them to join CI!

Start the kindergarten process
here

Register for D220's Parent University Now

Get Ready! D220 is hosting a Parent University for Chinese Immersion on Wednesday, February 11 from 5:45-7:50 pm at Rose Elementary. This event is free to attend.

BCIC encourages all parents/guardians to attend. Each parent/guardian attending needs to register separately. D220 has kindly asked that no children attend if possible.

Please reference the district email sent on 1/21 for additional details. Registration for the event and specific sessions is required.

Register here for the
Parent University

More info from D220 about
Parent University



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It's the Year of the Horse!

Buy your tickets now and join your friends at BCIC's Lunar New Year Party!

Buy entry, concession, &
raffle tickets here

Ages 0-4 are FREE!

Ages 5+ are \$15 each.

Our Lunar New Year Party is open to everyone in the community!

Please welcome extended family, friends, and neighbors to join the fun!

What can you expect?

On Stage:

Cultural performances from Nan Arts Dance

Songs from our elementary students

Lion Dance from our high school students

Other special and talented artists!

Lots of booths including:

Hand Fan Marbling

Year of the Horse crafts

Advanced Chinese Calligraphy

Stenciling

Games:

Mahjong

WeiQi: Are you smarter than a 3rd grader?

Other Special Highlights:

Lunar New Year Storytime

Sensory Activities

Raffles!

You do not need to be present to win!

Order your raffle tickets on RevTrak.

This family friendly celebration will feature Chinese and Asian arts and crafts, cultural performances, and experiences for all ages. We hope you will join us for this very special event.

Are you able to make a donation for BCIC's Lunar New Year celebration?

Purchase items from our
Amazon list [here](#)

We still have a few items that we were hoping to be donated for our Lunar New Year celebration. If you find it in your heart and wallet to donate, it would mean a great deal to BCIC. Thank you!

Adults and high schoolers: Are you able to be a volunteer at BCIC's Lunar New Year celebration?

Note: Please make sure to sign up under the correct volunteer sheet. There are two shifts for students and two shifts for adult. You can volunteer for one or both sessions. THANK YOU!

Sign up to volunteer
[here](#)

Add March 12 BCIC Meeting to Your To Do List

Register and join our BCIC Open Board Meeting in person or virtually; link will be emailed shortly before meeting to registrants. Come 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 Monday, March 9.

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

8th Graders and Their Parents: Learn about CI in High School from Current High Schoolers

Register for the Transition
to High School Panel

All current 8th graders and their families are invited to join BCIC for a panel discussion about the transition to high school in the Upper Atrium of Barrington High School. After the panel discussion, there will be time for the current 8th graders to informally chat with the current high school students and/or teachers. At the same time, current 8th grade parents can informally chat with current high school parents and/or teachers.

This is NOT intended to be a drop off event; students and their parents will benefit from hearing from our panelists. Students should attend with their parents or another trusted adult.

This is a FREE event, but **registration is required**. ALL attendees must be registered to attend. This means you should click “+ Add Guest” for each additional person in your group attending.

You may submit as many questions to the panel ahead of time via this same registration form.

Questions submitted on this registration will be asked anonymously during the event. You can also directly ask questions at the event to our CI high school students serving on the panel, Mrs. Yang or Ms. Stumpf (our CI high school teachers), parents of current/past high schoolers, and BCIC reps.

5th Graders and Their Parents: Learn about CI in Middle School from Current Middle Schoolers

Register for the Transition
to Middle School Panel

All current 5th graders and their families are invited to join BCIC for a panel discussion about the transition to middle school in the media center (library) of Station Middle School. After the panel discussion, there will be time for the current 5th graders to informally chat with the current middle school students and/or teachers. At the same time, current 5th grade parents can informally chat with current middle school parents and/or teachers.

This is NOT a drop off event; students must attend with their parents, guardians, or trusted adult. Both students and parents will benefit from hearing from our panelists.

This is a FREE event, but **registration is required**. ALL attendees must be registered to attend. This means you should click “+ Add Guest” for each additional person in your group attending.

You may submit as many questions to the panel ahead of time via this same registration form. Questions submitted on this registration will be asked anonymously during the event. You can also directly ask questions at the event to our CI middle school students serving on the panel, Mrs. Weerts & Mr. Yu (our CI middle school teachers), parents of current/past middle schoolers, and BCIC reps.

CI Class of 2026 Graduation Party

Please check with your graduate that they got our last email sent on Saturday, January 24. If they did not, please have them email Becca Patchak at beccapatchak@bcic220.org to be added to our email list. Thank you!

Parents and gaurdians, an email was sent on Saturday, January 24. If you did not get this email and want to be kept in the loop about the BCIC graduation party, please email Becca Patchak at beccapatchak@bcic220.org asap. Thank you!

Thank you!

We give thanks to the former board members that came to share stories and to support BCIC at our last open board meeting in January. The legacy of BCIC lives because of you being courageous pioneers with CI, shaping its foundation, and nurturing it with your leadership, passion, time, and energy. We are all so grateful. We look forward to hosting an annual alumni board meeting in future years!

- *Alex Bernardi*
- *Mary Cook*
- *Cory Flahaven*
- *Jay Murphy*
- *Jennifer Naddeo*

3-5th Grade Games Thank you!

Thank you to the families that came to join BCIC at Barrington Area Library for the 3-5th grade games event. There was a great turn out for this fun event.

We're Always Looking for Volunteers!

To avoid 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.

Fill Out the Volunteer
Form

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.

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

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

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.



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