



Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- [BCIC Lunar New Year](#)
 - Saturday, February 28 from 1-4 pm
 - BHS
 - Purchase entry, concession, & raffle ticket on [RevTrak](#).
 - Registration for all attendees required.
 - Urgent Need: 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
- College Exploration
 - Wednesday, April 8 from 7-8:30 pm
 - Virtual
 - Check BCIC website: registration coming soon
- Character Bee
 - April 16 5-7 pm
 - Countryside

- Check BCIC website: registration coming soon
- BCIC Graduation Party
 - Sunday, April 26 5:30-8:00 pm
 - Pier 91
 - Check BCIC website: Revtrak coming soon

LAST CALL!

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.

We really need more adults to volunteer during
our LNY party.

Sign up to volunteer
here

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!

Add March 12 BCIC Meeting to Your
To Do List



Red and Pink Illustrated Heart 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. Enhance the experience of your child(ren) in CI by being a part of our group! 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



Vocabulary Lesson Presentation (1)

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

An email with the Revtrak to purchase tickets will come out in about a week. Check the BCIC events page for a link to the Revtrak if you don't get our emails. Email Becca Patchak at beccapatchak@bcic220.org to be added to our email list. Thank you!

Thank you: Ready, Set, Kindergarten Crew!

We give thanks to general members, Jennifer Naddeo and Claudia Miller as well as board members, Erin Lales, Leeann Chang, Matthew Benkert, Tracy Lauffer, Zaoli Zhang, & Becca Patchak, for representing BCIC at the elementary schools for Ready, Set, Kindergarten on February 2. Thank you for helping to support the future of our CI program by sharing your experiences and answering incoming kindergarten family questions.

We also give thanks to board members Erin Lales, Tracy Lauffer, Matthew Benkert, & Becca Patchak for attending the Ready, Set, Kindergarten Chinese Immersion meeting on February 4. Special thanks go to CI student, AJ, for so eloquently and passionately speaking about our wonderful CI program during the event. We are most grateful for your commitment to growing our CI program for years to come.

If you know incoming kindergarten families that may have an interest in CI, please direct them to: Erin Lales at erinlales@bcic220.org

Parent University: Chinese Immersion

Thank You, D220 Administration & Teachers!

We give thanks to the administrators and CI teachers that planned for and presented at D220's Parent University for Chinese Immersion. It was a very informative night.

If you missed or have any follow up questions, please direct questions to Becky Wiegel at rwiegel@barrington220.org

We're Always Looking for Volunteers!

To avoid events being scaled down, merged, or canceled, we need many 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.



Volunteers wp photo

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.





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<https://bcic220.org/>

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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For questions regarding this/these event(s), please contact the organizations below as shared.

Attend & Celebrate the Chicago Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade

Would you be interested in celebrating the Lunar New Year at the Chicago Chinatown Lunar New Year parade taking place on Sunday, March 1? Click on the link for more details.

<https://ccc-foundation.org/>



Chicago

Learn about Mandarin Classes offered at Bilingual Rock Immersion
School

Would your child be interested in taking a Mandarin summer camp (ages 5-11), no school day camp (kinder-5th grade), or preschool program (15 months - 5 years)? Check out Bilingual Rock Immersion School's website for more information.

<https://www.bilingualrock.org/>



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Learn about Greenheart Exchange: Chinese Exchange Student
Opportunity

Would your family be interested in being a host family for a Chinese exchange student for 2 weeks this summer? Scan the QR code for more information.



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Meet Qi, a new red panda, at Lincoln Park Zoo

Read more about LPZ's new red panda at the link below.

<https://www.lpzoo.org/new-arrival-qi-red-panda/>



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