



BARRINGTON CHINESE IMMERSION COUNCIL

Be in the Know with BCIC

Upcoming Events:

- Encourage incoming kindergarteners to register for CI!
 - To help, contact Erin Lales at elales@bcic220.org
- BCIC Graduation Party
 - Sunday, April 26 5:30-8:00 pm
 - Pier 91 at Barrington Boat Club
 - To be an adult volunteer, contact Becca Patchak at beccapatchak@bcic220.org
- BCIC Booth at Barrington KidFest
 - Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 am-3:00 pm
 - Citizens Park
 - No registration required, but [8 volunteers needed](#).
- BCIC Open Board Meeting with guest speaker, D220 Director of Equity, Race, & Cultratl Initiatives, Nate Rouse
 - Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 pm
 - Barrington Area Library
 - [Registration required. Submit questions for our guest speaker in your registration.](#)
- BCIC Year End Party
 - Wednesday, May 27 from 5:00-7:00 pm
 - NBS
 - [Check the BCIC website for registration](#)
 - [19 Volunteers needed-sign up here](#)

Spread the Word to Join CI Now



Have you heard the news?

- As of 4/2/26, 10 families have completed registration for Fall 2026 Kindergarten
- Due to increased enrollment, the rising first grade cohort will expand to two sections beginning Fall 2026
- Therefore, the BOE is discussing potential changes to the CI program structure in the immediate future
 - Incoming Kindergarten CI will be hosted at Countryside in Fall 2026 - marking a change from the 2-year cycle
 - Multi-grade combination options for K-2 in Chinese Immersion.

These updates, along with proposed options for implementation, were shared at the Board of Education meeting on 4/7/26. Check out these resources to learn more:

- [4/7/26 Board of Education meeting](#)
- [Slide deck](#)
- [BCIC's Letter to Parents response](#)

It is still early in the enrollment season, and we are optimistic that additional families will opt into CI throughout the spring and into the summer. Adding more students to the incoming kindergarten cohort will serve to strengthen and secure the future of the CI program.

How is BCIC Responding?

- BCIC is requesting additional details about program implementation from the district.

- BCIC is actively seeking partnership and open communication between the district and the CI community.
 - BCIC will host tables at the following community events, to share information about the CI program.
- ELC Multicultural Family Dance - 4/23
- Countryside Multicultural Night - 4/23
- Barbara Rose Multicultural Night - 4/24
- Barrington Park District KidFest - 5/2 - [Sign up](#) here to volunteer
 - Got ideas? Email ErinLales@bcic220.org

What can YOU do to help?

1. *Email district leadership* to share your personal concerns, opinions, ideas, and preferences.
2. *Join the BCIC Recruitment Committee* as we make a final push to recruit new families to our program. Please fill out this [Recruitment Committee Interest Form](#) if you would like to join the effort!
3. *Recruit and Refer!* - Please speak to your friends, neighbors, teammates, etc. about the Chinese Immersion program. Please connect any prospective families to Erin Lales at ErinLales@bcic220.org.

Volunteers Needed for CI Class of 2026 Graduation Party

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Pier 91: Barrington Boat Club

We need a few more adult volunteers for the Class of 2026 Graduation Party specifically from 4-6 or 6-8 pm. If you are available during these times, please contact Becca Patchak at beccapatchak@bcic220.org by Wednesday.



Everyone is Invited to KidFest!

The Barrington Park District is bringing this FUN and FREE event back this spring! It is a great opportunity to connect with the broader Barrington area community and build our pipeline of new students! Bring your kids to enjoy the event and volunteer for a shift at the BCIC booth while you are there! So join us at Citizen's Park on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Even if you can only cover an hour or two, your time would be greatly appreciated!

[Register to Volunteer](#)



Register and Submit Questions for the May Open BCIC Board Meeting

A promotional poster for the BCIC Open Board Meeting. The background is black with red wavy borders at the top and bottom. In the top left is the BCIC logo, which features a white chess knight on a black square, with the text 'BARRINGTON 220' below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'GUEST SPEAKER' is written in white. Below this is a portrait of Nate Rouse, a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. Underneath the portrait, his name 'Nate Rouse' and title 'Director of Equity, Race & Cultural Diversity Initiatives' are listed in white. To the right of the portrait, the event details are listed in large white text: 'BCIC OPEN BOARD MEETING', 'THURSDAY, MAY 7', '6:30 PM', and 'BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY'.

Join us at our next open BCIC Board Meeting to hear updates from and ask questions to Nate Rouse, D220 Director of Equity, Race, & Cultural Initiatives. We request all attendees to [register here](#) ahead of time. Please submit questions for our guest speaker or the board in your registration as well.

[Register for the Open Meeting](#)

Everyone is Invited to Celebrate with BCIC at the End of Year Party

Wednesday, May 27 from 5:00-7:00 pm

North Barrington Elementary

As in past years, Kona Ice will be available for purchase (from 5:30-7:00) with a 20% kickback going back to BCIC.

New this year--KurbSide Pizza truck will be on site for purchase as well. Pizzas are \$14. Drinks are \$3. Sweets are \$5.

Feel free to bring your own food if you prefer as well. BCIC will have a few snacks as well.

In addition to the playground and blacktop at NBS, BCIC will have a wide array of activities to keep everyone busy--crafts, Chinese games including weiqi & mahjong, sensory stations, and more!

WE NEED A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS! Please sign up here!

If you have questions, please contact Leeann Chang at leeannchang@bcic220.org.



CI End of the Year Party!

New Location:
North Barrington Elementary School
24175 N Grandview Dr, Barrington, IL 60010
Meeting on the Blacktop/Playground area
If bad weather we will be in the Gym

Parking Information:
If the main lots are full there is additional parking in a field off of Miller Road*

Food:
Snacks one per person
Pizza Truck & Kona Ice available for purchase

Activities:
Marbling Station, Weiqi, Mahjong, Coloring, Fire Horse Sensory Station, Fire Horse Ranch & Free Play on the Playground

Wednesday, May 27th 5pm-7pm
North Barrington Elementary School



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Congratulations to our CI BHS Students Inducted into the CLASS World Language Honor Society!

On March 10, families gathered to celebrate the 214 BHS students from Chinese, Latin, German, French, and Spanish were inducted into various World Language Honor Societies. BCIC and the CI community are incredibly proud of the 37 CI students

inducted into the CLASS Honor Society that night. A few seniors were also honored for their outstanding achievements and participation in Chinese. Special thanks goes to our high school CI teachers, Mrs. Yang and Mrs. Stumpf, for sponsoring this!



Thank You: Transition to Middle School Participants and Team

We give thanks to the middle school teachers, Mr. Yu and Mrs. Weerts, for giving of their time to share about their classes. The current 5th graders and their families asked some great questions. The amazing panel of current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders shined as they shared what CI looks like in middle school and gave their best tips to find success. From lockers and hallways to homework and tests, the panelists helped to ease the nerves of our incoming middle schoolers--as well as their parents! Thank you to board members, Becca Patchak and Deepta Ramesh, for planning this informative and helpful event.

If you missed or have any follow up questions, please direct questions to our middle school teachers, (Mandarin language) Mr. Yu hyu@barrington220.org and/or (History in Mandarin) Mrs. Weerts mweerts@barrington220.org.



Thank You: Character Bee Participants and Team

More than 50 students, from grades 1-5, participated in the annual Character Bee! It was impressive to see how well our students all did. The competition showed how bright and talented our CI students truly are. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of the students that participated in the bee.

We give thanks to D220 teachers Ms. McKee, Ms. Chin, Ms. Wang, Ms. Zander, Ms. Du, Ms. Pauwels, and Mrs. Weerts for planning and helping to run the Character Bee! We

especially thank the volunteers that made this event possible: Zheng You, Yiming Wang, Lin Jin, Qi Ten, Zaoli Zhang, Annie Xiang, Alice Brinkley, Yijen Kuo, Mia W, Meilien Wen, Beth McMahon, Erin Lales, Deepta Ramesh, and Becca Patchak. We also thank board members and co-chairs, Becca Patchak and Deepta Ramesh, for planning this event.







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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