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September Newsletter



Welcome Back

We are excited to be back! Lots to do this school year, be on the lookout for our monthly newsletters to see many upcoming events and CI updates.

Updates

Elementary School Updates



Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade Updates

Countryside Elementary School is hosting Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade.

Kindergarten and 1st grade are combined into two multigrade sections this year, taught by Mrs. Chin and Mrs. McKee.

2nd Grade is one section this year, with Mrs. Zander teaching both Chinese and English.

BCIC Board Director Openings



Join our Board

Please consider joining our BCIC board. There are two open seats. Please fill out this [interest form](#). Additional information will be emailed to all applicants.

BCIC Open **Board** Meeting



**November 18th 6:30 PM in the
Barrington Area Library**

Have questions? Want to see what BCIC is all about? Have kids in more than one school, but want to get involved but don't know where to dedicate your time? Come to our open board meeting to find out more.

Upcoming Events



[Homecoming & Scarecrow Decorating](#) Wednesday, September 30th

Citizens Park by the playground | 12:30-4:00 PM



Mid-Autumn Festival

Friday, October 2nd

Countryside Elementary | 5-7PM

BCIC PRESENTS:
FANS UP. MASKS ON.
SPIRITS STRONG!

During Barrington's Masquerade Homecoming Parade



October 3, 2026 Meet at 9:45^{AM}

Parade departs from Barrington Metra Station at 10:15 and marches to BHS.

All CI students and families are invited to walk with BCIC in the Homecoming Parade.

*Please note all students 3rd grade and younger MUST be supervised by a parent or guardian walking in the parade.
 *Priority float seating will be given to our youngest attendants and those who have disabilities.



Register and Volunteer here







BHS Homecoming Parade

Saturday, October 3rd

Departing Barrington Metra Station & marching to BHS | 10:15 AM



D220 Multicultural Night

Monday, October 26th

BHS Lower Atrium | 6-8 PM

Get involved and see highlights from events



BCIC Board Open Seats

Interested in joining the BCIC board? We have open seats. Please fill out this [interest form](#).

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Donations

Your donations help BCIC with things like:

Teacher Wishlist

Teacher Booklist

Recruitment

Lunar New Year

Homecoming

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Fall Agenda Items:

- Provide CI teachers with a wish list for school items they need
- Provide CI teachers with a wish list for books they'd like to have

Highlights:

Kindergarten/First Grade Social: Families met at Citizens Park for pizza and playground fun! Parents got to meet other parents and the children had a blast with their new friends!

Mrs. Chin's Retirement: After many years of teaching our wonderful CI students, Mrs. Chin will be retiring at the end of this year. If you see her around at our events or in the halls, thank her for her amazing service to all of us.

Sara Pletcher: We have a new Director of Language, Sara! We look forward to getting to know Sara and working with her to build on and improve our CI community and learning.

Website: We have an updated website! Check out all things CI on our revamped website. Huge thank you to Matt Benkert for all of his hard work to get the site up and running by the beginning of the school year!

BCIC is all about our CI kids, teachers and families!



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