

July Newsletter

Cricket Academy

July 11, 2022



Independence Day Parade

On July 4th, Cricket Academy students and teachers participated in the first Independence Parade since the beginning of COVID. The parade took place in Brookfield, and families began arriving at 8:30 to set up and practice. Two dragons were assembled: a green one for Cricket and a gold

one for MMCS. A lion for younger children was assembled as well, to make sure students of all ages were able to participate in the parade.

By 10:00, everyone had gathered in the parking lot of Brookfield Central High School, excitedly waiting for the parade's commencement. When our turn came around, and the music began, the dragons moved in unison down the streets of Brookfield. Students and parents gave away candy and pins, while the dragons twirled and spun in the air.



Often performed during Lunar New Year, the dragon dance is believed to drive away evil spirits and bring good luck. The dragons (龙), composed of the head of a lion and the body of a snake, are believed to possess powers including great power, dignity, fertility, and wisdom.



[Watch our video!](#)

Cricket Academy families had a blast spending time with each other and showcasing cultural traditions to the Brookfield community. Congratulations to everyone who participated for a job well done!

Special thanks to the OCA Wisconsin chapter!

Dragon Boat Festival

Cricket Academy is excited to present at the Milwaukee Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, August 13th! The festival will continue the tradition of ethnic and cultural festivals in the Milwaukee area. The main highlights are

the famous dragon boat races. Come watch Cricket families race against fierce competition at Lakeshore State Park!

In addition to the dragon boat races, there will also be jaw-dropping Chinese martial arts, elegant dances and folk music, and delicious traditional Chinese food. There will also be opportunities for children to play traditional games, make lanterns, and even begin to learn to speak and write Chinese!

Cricket Academy needs event volunteers to help the festival run smoothly. Sign up by scanning the QR code below. We would greatly appreciate you volunteering and helping us continue the tradition of the Dragon Boat Festival.

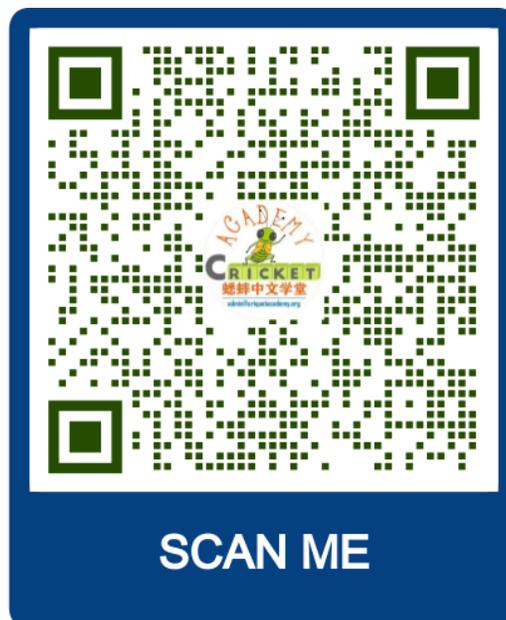


2022 Milwaukee Dragon Boat Festival
Saturday, August 13th, 2022, Lakeshore State Park

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