

# Cricket Chinese Academy - Cricket Youth Leadership

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Cricket Editing Team

EVENT OF THE MONTH:

## China Lights Ticket Sales

Countless people who live in the Elmbrook area has heard about the lively farmer's market based in the parking lot of Brookfield Central High School. A little community within itself, bursting of bustling people. An abundance of smells, colors, and noise erupts from the center of the market. Walking around, one can taste the well-known avocado toast, grab a bouquet of wild flowers, and buy some local produce. All of this melds into the harmonious nature of a good day at the farmer's market. However, hidden in this melody of culture, stands a white tent with bright orange lantern flowers binded to the side poles. A group of kids and parents stand inside. They wave, they smile, they explain. They sell tickets to China Lights, a light show in early autumn. They advocate for Cricket Chinese School and Chinese culture.

This September, Cricket Chinese Academy has returned to Brookfield to sell tickets to the 2023 China Lights light show. Reflecting back, we learned that many people had already heard about or been to China Lights and all had very positive experiences at the show. Some had even been planning to buy tickets for a while and ended up buying tickets at our booth on their weekly trip to the farmer's market. Overall, there were no major challenges for Cricket in this event. The only one being that large amounts of cash were not readily available in people's pockets. On the first few Saturdays, Cricket had to turn away a few customers because we did not have a cashless system of payment. However, many of these customers came back the next week with enough cash to buy the tickets. Cricket eventually learned that the Brookfield Farmer's Market has a booth where one can switch their money to farmer's market only tokens, this way, people that only had credit cards could buy tickets. This was a good learning experience for us and the number of customers increased every week.

Cricket Chinese Academy would like to thank the Brookfield Farmer's Market coordinators for giving us the space to set up a booth for Cricket and helping us figure out the token system. Cricket would also like to thank all the youth volunteers and parents that came to help set up and organize the event. To our customers, we hope you enjoyed your experience at China Lights and thank you for spreading and appreciating the beauty of Chinese culture with us. We hope you will help us sing a part in the melody of Cricket.

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## Cricket Sunday School Scoop

This year, Cricket Chinese School held a special class to introduce the traditional Chinese holiday, the Mid-Autumn Festival, to the students of Cricket Academy's Sunday School. In each Cricket class, the teachers introduced the holiday traditions of the festival. The teachers told stories that explained the festival's origins and how the traditional Chinese food eaten during this holiday was connected back to the folk tale. Cricket Youth Leadership Group also designed a festival themed craft that the Cricket students completed in class. The craft was the creating of a simple rabbit hat, this was connected to the folk tale in which Chang'e lived on the moon with a rabbit. To conclude the day, after the lesson and craft session, the students all got to taste a sample of mooncake, a Chinese dessert eaten during this holiday.



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## WHO ARE WE?

"As part of Milwaukee Chinese Community Center, a non-profit organization serving Southeast Wisconsin communities, Cricket Chinese Academy welcomes families from different backgrounds. We focus on providing Non-Chinese heritage families an opportunity to connect with Chinese culture through language programs and festive cultural activities throughout the year."

**C**hinese Culture & Language Learning  
**R**each the Life Possibility  
**I**nspire the Curiosity  
**C**ommunity to Connect  
**K**nowledge enable Appreciation  
**E**mpower to Communicate  
**T**enacity to be Excellent

### 2023-2024 Registration

**DISCOUNT OPTIONS** for 2023-2024 Tuition:

\$20 per family with early Registration/payment (by Aug 31st 2023)

\$20 per NEW referral family enrolled (and tuition paid)

\$20 per family with additional students enrolled

\$20 per family for committed parent volunteer (commitment to helping out 10+ sessions in school year)

50% off per parent registering for the adult session (new discount in 2023 – 2024)

## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR IS OPEN!

Click [HERE](#) to register!!

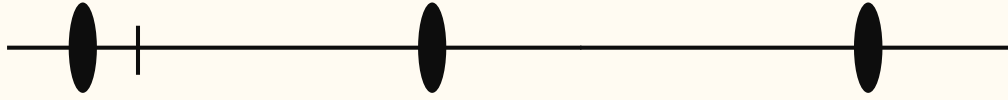
### 2023-2024 Sunday School Language & Cultural Program

<p>Cricket I (Pre-K/K, Level K) Selina Wang</p> 	<p>Cricket II (6-7, Level 1) Izzie Yi</p> 	<p>Cricket III (8+, Level 1) Julia Nie</p> 
<p>Cricket IV (Adv. Level 2) Lin Ye</p> 	<p>Cricket Adult Xiaoyun Zhang</p> 	<p>Supplemental virtual lessons Liya Ma</p> 



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## MORE FUN COMING SOON!



September Mandatory Meeting  
(virtual)

Meeting link - [HERE](#)

September 2

7:30 pm

Will be discussing China Lights ticket sales

September China Lights Ticket Sales

Metro Market

Brookfield Farmer's Market

Whitefish Bay Farmers Market

Taste of Mequon

Dates will be finalized and sent out in emails soon!

China Lights Festival  
October 6 and October 7  
4:30 - 10:00 pm

**LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS HERE!**

<https://forms.gle/2AXmYq7s2tcLYJkK7>



## Follow Cricket Chinese Academy!

Facebook - [@CricketAcademyMilwaukee](#)

Instagram - [@cricketacademy\\_mccc](#)

Website - <https://milwaukeechinese.org/cricket-academy/>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/cricketacademy4717>

## Cricket Chatter

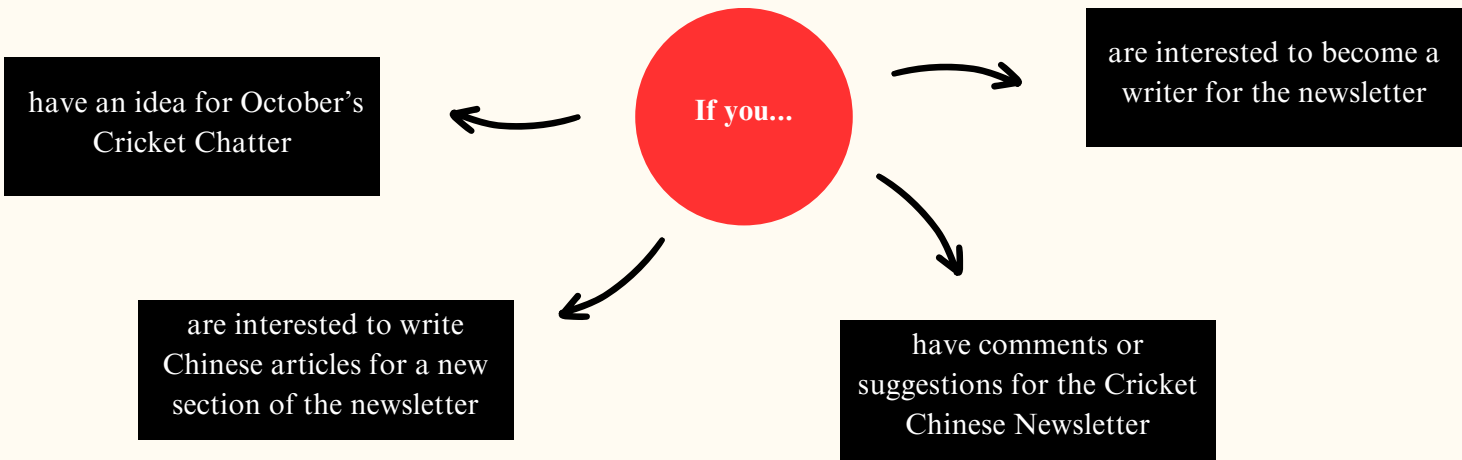
### Cricket Chinese School: First Day of School

Cricket Chinese Academy classes have officially begun, and we are so excited to see our new and returning students again! This year, Cricket Academy's classes are located at Marquette University, on the third floor of Lalumiere hall. Cricket uses the Meizhou Chinese textbook curriculum for all classes. Selina Wang, a Cricket youth group member, is the Level K teacher at Cricket Academy. Cricket wishes all students a good school year and happy learning!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
School day					China Lights 2023 Cricket Booth	China Lights 2023 Cricket Booth
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
School day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
School day	Double Ninth Festival					
School day with cultural lecture - Double Ninth Festival						
29	30	31				
School day						

**OCTOBER'S SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES!**

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