BAHAMAS CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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CHINESE KITE FLYING FESTIVAL | SCHOOL CONTESTS

"Kites Without Borders"

2026 Bahamas–China Inter-School Cultural Challenge

CONTEST DESCRIPTIONS, RULES, JUDGING CRITERIA & PRIZES

1. THE GREAT BAHAMAS–CHINA KITE DESIGN CHALLENGE

DESCRIPTION

Students design and construct an original kite that creatively represents the friendship between The Bahamas and China, incorporating elements such as Bahamian national symbols, Junkanoo patterns, Chinese dragons, traditional Chinese kite designs, and both countries' colours.

RULES

- **Teams:** 3–5 students per team.
- **Entries:** Schools may submit one (1) or two (2) teams.
- **Categories:**
  - **Primary** – Grades 3–6
  - **Junior High** – Grades 7–9
  - **Senior High** – Grades 10–12
- **Kites** must be original, safe, durable and able to fly.
- Teams bring their kites to Clifford Park for exhibition, judging and a supervised flying challenge on November 21, 2026.

JUDGING CRITERIA (100 POINTS)

Criteria	Points
Creativity and originality	25
Representation of both cultures	25
Craftsmanship and construction	20
Flight performance	20
Student explanation of design	10
Total	**100**

2. TWO NATIONS, ONE SKY ART & STORYTELLING COMPETITION

DESCRIPTION

Students create original artwork or an illustrated story exploring the theme:

"If My Kite Could Travel from The Bahamas to China..."

Imagine a kite travelling from Nassau to Beijing, discovering new traditions, foods, festivals, landscapes, and friendships.

RULES

- **Entries:** Schools may submit up to three (3) selected entries per age division.
- **Acceptable formats:** Paintings, illustrated posters, or short illustrated stories with a written cultural explanation (max 300 words).
- **Categories:**
  - **Primary** – Grades 3–6
  - **Junior High** – Grades 7–9
  - **Senior High** – Grades 10–12
- Artwork must be original, student-created, and appropriate for public display.
- Finalist entries will be showcased in the Young Cultural Ambassadors Gallery at the festival.

JUDGING CRITERIA (100 POINTS)

Criteria	Points
Creativity and artistic expression	30
Cultural understanding	30
Connection to the theme	25
Presentation and originality	15
Total	**100**

3. THE SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

DESCRIPTION

Recognizes the school that demonstrates outstanding overall participation, enthusiasm and community engagement in support of the festival.

RULES

- Open to all participating schools.
- Awarded based on overall school involvement and festival support.
- Considerations include:
  - Number of registered students and contest entries
  - Family and parent participation
  - School presence and enthusiasm at the festival
  - Positive contribution to the festival atmosphere (e.g., displays, school banners, group participation)

JUDGING CRITERIA (100 POINTS)

Criteria	Points
Student participation and registration	30
Family and community engagement	25
School presence and festival spirit	25
Overall support and contribution	20
Total	**100**

PRIZES & RECOGNITION

CASH PRIZES (1st PLACE WINNERS ONLY)

(for Kite Design Challenge and Art & Storytelling Competition)

High School 1st Place	Junior High 1st Place	Primary 1st Place
$500	$300	$200

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION

(All Contests)

- Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners
- Certificates for All Participating Schools
- Sponsor-Donated School Supplies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners
- Recognition Through BCFA Media Partners

KEY DATES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE (Artwork & Performance Videos)	PRELIMINARY JUDGING	FINAL JUDGING & AWARDS AT THE FESTIVAL
November 10th	November 17th	November 18th and 19th	November 21st

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