

Chinese Lantern Festival Family Reunion Party

At 6:00 pm February 22, 2019, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy university (CIT) Dothan campus held a Lantern Festival Family Reunion Party for families with adopted Chinese children in the Thomas Harrison Room, Malone Hall at Troy University Dothan campus. More than 110 people attended the event.

The party kicked off with festive music. Ms. Yandong Wang, Ms. Na Jiang and Ms. Yan He from CIT Dothan campus expressed their appreciation for guests' coming, and then the director of CIT Dr. Xu delivered the opening remarks, which made everyone present feel our sincerity and hospitality. The first game, "Simon Says" set the party alight with everyone's laughter continuously. Games and performances were interspersed. Tai chi, calligraphy, Hulusi attracted many guests to take photos and shoot videos. Enjoying the melodious sound of Hulusi, some foreign families couldn't help asking "What is this instrument?" As the prize of lucky draw, the calligraphy work was gifted to a boy. He was over the moon as if he had got a precious treasure. Meanwhile, the games were also varied. The children followed the Chinese popular songs to imitate the dances with laughing and dancing. They were not satisfied just playing a round, and they did it once more. Mom and Dad, who had become their fans, were busy with applauding and taking pictures or shooting videos. In the game of "Act and Guess", the players did their best to use various weird expressions and movements in order to make their partners understand what the words were. "Say it Backward" was tough not only to kids but also to their parents. In "Lifting the Sedan Chair", parents or elder brothers and sisters in a group handed for the sedan, lifting their own baby running between treasure area and base camp. The competitors rushed at a speed of 100 meters to grab a treasure in the compact sound of gongs and drums. Cheers, laughter could be heard without end. At last, children got dozens of gifts by "Searching Treasure".

After the activities was meal time. Red bean sweet dumplings were the most sought-after among the rich food. Everyone sat around, eating, talking and sharing their stories. The event ended in harmony and joy. When many families were about to leave, they specially expressed their gratitude to visiting scholars from CIT for the happy evening and delicious food. They were looking forward to the next activity.

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当地时间2019年2月22日晚上六点，特洛伊大学孔子学院多森教研中心的访问学者们在特洛伊大学的麦伦礼堂的哈里森大厅为收养中国孩子的家庭们举办了庆元宵晚会，一百一十多人参加了此次活动。

在喜庆的音乐声中，晚会拉开了序幕。孔子学院多森校区团队王艳东老师，姜娜老师和何艳老师，对大家的到来表示了感谢和欢迎，随后孔子学院外方院长徐弘博士致开幕辞，让每一位到场的嘉宾都感受到了我们的真诚和热情。第一个游戏是“赛门说”，在阵阵的笑声中气氛逐渐热闹起来。游戏、表演穿插进行。太极、书法、葫芦丝引得大家纷纷拍照、录影。葫芦丝悠扬的音色引得这些外国家庭纷纷询问“这是什么乐器？”刚刚完成的书法作品也成为了抽奖的奖品，得到奖品的小男生如获至宝、喜不自禁。游戏活动丰富多彩，跟着中国时下流行的歌曲模仿舞蹈，孩子们一边跳一边笑，一轮不尽兴，再来一轮。爸爸妈妈秒变迷弟迷妹，在旁边又是忙着鼓掌，又是忙着拍照、录像。“你比我猜”，搭档配对，为了让搭档明白是什么词，选手们也是拼了。什么奇怪的表情，动作都用上了。“倒背如流”，难坏了大小朋友，爸爸妈妈齐上阵！在抬轿子的环节中，爸爸妈妈或者哥哥姐姐两人一组，双手为轿，抬起自家小宝贝，奔驰于宝藏区和大本营之间，每次运一个宝藏，2分钟内能运多少宝藏都归选手所有。在紧凑的锣鼓乐曲声中，参赛者以百米冲刺的速度抢宝藏，加油声，欢笑声不绝于耳。最后的寻宝游戏，礼物一箩筐，孩子们满载而归。

活动后就是用餐时间。菜品丰富多彩，汤圆成了抢手货。大家围坐着，吃着、聊着、笑着，分享着他们的故事。活动在融洽、欢乐的气氛中落下帷幕。不少家庭在临走时，特意找到孔院老师向她们表示感谢，感谢这个开心的夜晚和美味的食物，期待下一次活动。