

Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration in Dothan with Families

On September 20th, the CIT Dothan campus hosted a Mid-Autumn Festival event for the families in the area who have adopted Chinese children. The space was beautifully decorated with red lanterns and tablecloths draped on the counters that encourage the festive atmosphere.

Dr. Jeffrey, Vice Chancellor of Dothan Campus and Military Affairs, and Dr. Xu, Director of Confucius Institute of Troy University, joined the families at the event. The goal of the celebration was to foster stronger connections between CIT and the families through the holiday atmosphere.

Dr. Jeffrey opened the ceremony with the Chinese greeting “你好 (Hello)” and “友谊长存 (long-lasting friendship).” The Vice Chancellor, who has visited China numerous times, welcomed the families and the CIT staff for their dedication to Chinese culture.

The first activity of the night was a family-oriented game that had parents and children cooperating with each other. The objective of the game was to use chopsticks to pick up beans. This game introduced the children and their families to Chinese cuisine in a light-hearted manner.

Next, the traditional dance Xin Jiang was presented to the audience, who was amazed. Some of the children wanted to learn the dance and picked it up right away. After the dance, the guests played a game called “Act and Guess” which involved a partner trying to act out a given term while the other partner tried to guess correctly what their term was.

The trivia game followed next. The guests were shown a movie about the legend of the Mid-Autumn Festival and asked questions, which were rewarded with prizes. Many parents and children participated. The final event was the Lion Dance, performed by CIT Visiting Scholar He Yan and her husband. The audience loved the dance and concluded the event with a treasure hunt through a maze.

The children, parents, and hosts joined together to pose for a group picture and talked about how successful the night was. At the dinner afterwards, the children were still talking about the shows and games, clearly having enjoyed the festivities.

特洛伊大学孔院多森教研中心与当地收养中国儿童家庭同庆中秋

当地时间 9 月 20 日晚，特洛伊大学孔子学院在多森校区托马斯哈里森大厅（Thomas Harrison Room）隆重举行庆中秋晚会。活动现场节日灯笼高高挂，红红桌布铺起来，浓浓的中秋佳节氛围充满其中。参加该次活动的嘉宾有特洛伊大学副校长 Dr. Jeffrey，特洛伊大学孔院院长徐宏博士，多森市领养中国儿童家庭及当地华人朋友。

此次活动由特洛伊大学孔院多森校区主办，特洛伊校区协办，旨在增进与当地收养中国儿童家庭的感情，感谢这些家庭的辛苦付出，同时与他们分享中国文化。特洛伊大学副校长 Dr. Jeffrey 用汉语“你好”、“友谊长存”做了精彩的开场白，多次访问中国的他十分赞赏和感谢孔院在帮助多森当地居民了解中国文化方面所做的努力。

庆祝活动在一个有趣的亲子游戏中拉开序幕。小朋友和他们的养父母们快速地学会使用中国筷子，并用中国筷子以家庭为单位进行夹豆子比赛。小朋友和大朋友紧密配合，完成任务。在这个过程中小朋友不仅体验了使用筷子的乐趣，也了解了中国饮食文化。具有独特中国民族风情的新疆舞，让来访嘉宾赞赞称奇，叫好不绝。更有小朋友当场拜师学艺，跟表演者一起跳起来。

在猜词游戏中，小朋友们更是绞尽脑汁，各出奇招，绝技频出。为让队友快速猜出答案，台下的爸爸妈妈们也紧张不已。接着进入到有奖问答环节，小朋友和家长们先欣赏了一段关于中秋的神话故事——后羿射日和嫦娥奔月。问题一提出，许多小朋友和家长纷纷举手踊跃回答问题。

访问学者何艳老师和她爱人的狮子舞，让观众直接“震撼”，把现场活动进一步推向了高潮。最后的寻宝环节，小朋友和家长们积极参与其中，在“迷宫中”挖宝不断。

活动结束后参加活动的小朋友和家长还不忍离开现场，在恋恋不舍中合影留念。随后的晚餐中，他们依然在谈论刚刚的庆祝互动，意犹未尽。通过举办该次的中秋传统文化活动，很多参加活动的嘉宾在轻松愉快的氛围中了解了中华传统节日——中秋节，加深了对中国传统文化的了解。