

## **Chinese Culture Exploration at the Multicultural Night of Pike Road Elementary School, Confucius Classroom at Troy University**

On the evening of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, visiting scholars from Confucius Institute at Troy University participated in the Multicultural Night held annually by the Confucius Classroom at Troy University, Pike Road Elementary School. The visiting scholars opened a booth of Chinese culture exploration. They shared delicious traditional Chinese food, Jiaozi (dumplings), Yansuji (salted crispy chicken) and Chinese jasmine tea with the teachers, students and parents from the elementary school.

In front of the Chinese culture booth, people line up in long queues to have a bite of the delicious food and play fun games of picking up sweet chocolate beans with chopsticks to win special Chinese presents. The students are involved in the games with great passion and they are so happy to put what they have learned in Chinese classes into practice. They cannot help smiling after winning the most wanted presents. The visiting scholars would take the chance of distributing food to teach the visitors how to say the name of the food in Chinese, “jiaozi” is for dumplings and “cha” is for tea. They tend to combine Chinese language teaching with cultural events so that the learners can learn the language in a more effective way, which has achieved good results. With the closing moment approaching, the students, parents and teachers attracted to the booth of Chinese culture are reluctant to leave and they still want to play the game until the last moment of the activity.

Nearly 1,000 teachers, students and parents attended the activity. In the Chinese cultural exploration, the students showed great enthusiasm in Chinese learning and felt the charm of Chinese culture of Confucius Institute at Troy University.

## 特洛伊大学孔院蒙哥马利校区参加派克路小学多元文化夜活动

2019年2月21日，特洛伊大学孔子学院蒙哥马利校区的访问学者们参加了由下属孔子课堂，派克路小学举办的一年一度的多元文化夜活动。访问学者们不仅为来宾们准备了中国的传统美食——饺子和盐酥鸡，还沏上了香甜可口的茉莉花茶。

在中国文化展台前，学生们除了品尝中国美食外，还积极参加了“筷子夹糖豆”游戏来赢取奖品。在规定时间内夹取相应数量的糖豆可以获得不同的奖品。奖品内容有扇子、毽子、书签、京剧脸谱、中国风景明信片和印有汉字或熊猫图案的T恤等。学生们参与热情很高，神情专注，活学活用，获得奖品后兴高采烈。孔院展台前学生和家長都很积极，一直到散场还有不少孩子围在展台前不舍得离开。在分享美食的时候，访问学者们不忘教来宾用中文说出食品名，如“饺子”“茶”等。特大孔院在进行汉语和文化推广的时候总是这样采取“润物无声”的方式，取得了很好的效果。学生、家長纷纷来到孔院展台前品尝美食，练习说汉语。

全校近千名师生及学生家长参加了此次活动。在活动中，学生们学习汉语的热情得到了肯定和提升；通过活动，特大孔院的文化感染力也得到了进一步提升。