On September 29, at 4:00 pm, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) held an Open House for the new Confucius Classroom’s after-school program at Forest Avenue Magnet (FAAM). Over 70 students, parents and teachers, including Dr. Iris Xu, Director of CIT and Emily Little, Principal of FAAM attended the event.

Ms. Jin Qiu’s introduced the after-school program at FAAM in welcoming comments. Ms. Tingting Xiong from Troy Campus at CIT introduced the history and development of CIT, a statewide Confucius Institute, and the diverse CIT programs including credit and non-credit classes, after school program, Startalk and China Trip to the students and parents. Principal Emily Little explained the arrangement in detail to parents and students.

Students are offered opportunities to several culture experiencing activities and they found great fun in Chinese Paper Folding and Paper Cutting, Finger String Games, and especially kicking shuttlecock. Many of them were so attract by Chinese Calligraphy and are really gifted at that.

Students, even some parents, registered for the after-school program eagerly during the one-hour Open House and more applications come after the event. The first class of this new Confucius Classroom starts next week.