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Dear Parents and WiSE participants,

We are so excited that your daughter is interested in participating in MIT's Society of Women Engineers' Women in Science and Engineering Program. The 2011-2012 WiSE program will expand your daughter's science and engineering horizons, and she will walk away with lifelong connections to her personal WiSE mentor and hopefully to her fellow WiSE participants as well. Below you will find the dates to remember for the 2011-2012 program. Please mark your calendar with these dates and return the Permission and Publicity Release Forms as soon as possible!

We look forward to seeing your daughter at the kickoff on October 15<sup>th</sup>!  
Sincerely,

Diane Amanti & Marianna See  
*2011 WiSE Coordinators*

**Important Dates:**

The Kick-off Conference for WiSE will be held on October 15, 2011.  
For the 2011-2012 academic year, WiSE sessions will occur on November 5, December 3, February 11, and April 7. Each session will run from 10am-3pm.  
The Annual Speech Contest will occur on March 10, 2011.

**WiSE Conference Schedule (October 15, 2011):**

- 9:45am-10:00am: drop-off and registration
- 10:00am-10:30pm: ice-breakers, introduction to WiSE program and overview of mentoring process
- 10:30am-12:00pm: "speed-dating" for mentor assignment
  - the girls will be split into small groups, which will rotate among the mentors
  - during each rotation, mentors and the girls will introduce themselves and have a few minutes to converse before moving to the next mentor
  - mentors will be asked to submit a small profile, which will be compiled and be provided to the girls / posted on the website
- 12:00pm-12:45pm: lunch
- 12:45pm-2:45pm: visit to MIT Museum
- 2:45pm-3:00pm: pick-up

**Below is a tentative schedule of a typical WiSE Session (all other dates):**

- 9:45am-10:00am: drop-off and registration
- 10:00am-10:30am: breakfast and icebreakers
- 10:30am-12:00pm: Academic Exploration
  - to introduce girls to other fields of science and engineering that are less familiar or that lie outside their primary interests
- 12:00pm-12:30pm: lunch



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*12:30pm-1:15pm:* Mentor-Led Activity

- to allow discussion and further relationship building among mentor groups

*1:15pm-2:30pm:* Career Development

- to encourage girls to start planning for their future and explore the possibilities of studying and making a career in science and engineering

*2:30pm-3:00pm:* snacks, evaluations, and pick-up

*Note:* Depending on the day's activities, some of the time guidelines will be changed.