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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 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 13th!
Sincerely,

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2012 WiSE Coordinators

Important Dates:

The Kick-off Conference for WiSE will be held on October 13, 2012.
For the Fall Semester of the 2012-2013 academic year, WiSE sessions will occur on October 13, November 17, and December 1st. (The dates for the Spring Semester are to be determined). Each session will run from 10am-3pm.
The Annual Speech Contest will occur on December 1st, 2012. *Please note that the schedule for the Speech Contest may be condensed to 10am-1pm.

WiSE Conference Schedule (October 15, 2011):

- 9:45am-10:00am:* drop-off and registration at MIT's Lobby 7
- 10:00am-10:30pm:* breakfast and ice-breakers, introduction to WiSE program and overview of mentoring process
- 10:30am-11:30pm:* "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, except for the Speech Contest which will run from 10am-1pm):

- 9:45am-10:00am:* drop-off and registration
- 10:00am-10:45am:* breakfast and problem-solving puzzle warm-ups and discussion



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10:45am-12:30pm: Academic Exploration

- to introduce girls to other fields of science and engineering that are less familiar or that lie outside their primary interests. Academic Exploration will include visits to MIT research laboratories in different fields.

12:30pm-1pm: lunch

1-1:30pm: Mentor-Led Career Development Activity

- to allow discussion and further relationship building among mentor groups
- to encourage girls to start planning for their future and explore the possibilities of studying and making a career in science and engineering

1:30pm-2:45pm: Hands-on Science and Engineering Design Project

2:45pm-3:00pm: snacks, evaluations, and pick-up

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