

# *What's a parent to do at Spark?*

## **Your Guide to Enjoying Spark Weekend at MIT!**

Spark 2017

Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome you to **Spark 2017!** There are many exciting and fun things to do around MIT and in the Boston area. Here are some ways that you can get to know our community as your student takes part in our many interesting class offerings.

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### **~Attend Spark Parents' Program!~**

As in past years, MIT Spark is running a Parents' Program just for you!

While your kids enjoy Spark, join us on the 3rd floor of the Student Center (Bldg. W20) for a selection of talks and sample classes. You'll also find tea, coffee and a space to work, relax, and chat with other parents.

This year, you will be able to attend example Spark classes such as "The World of Insects" and classes just for parents on subjects such as *college admissions, study abroad opportunities for high school students, and encouraging teen readers.*

Spark Parents' Program will run on **Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** and on **Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Feel free to drop by to learn something new with us!

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### **~Scheduled Events and Exhibits~**

#### **All Weekend**

**6 am - 11 pm** MIT in Flight(Free)

*Wiesner Student Art Gallery - W20 second floor*

MIT In Flight explores the fleeting moment of a leap, the twist of a ribbon, and the beauty of traditional Chinese dance at MIT. Featuring dancers from the MIT Asian Dance Team, lighting collaboration with Jake Gunter, and assistance from Rachel Wu. Funded in part by a Director's Grant from the Council for the Arts at MIT.

**10 am - 4 pm** China Comes to Tech: 1877-1931(Free)

*Maihaugen Gallery - 14N-130*

In 1877, the first student from China matriculated at MIT. By 1910, China was sending more students to MIT than any other foreign country. From these beginnings, the Institute became one of the most popular overseas destinations for

Chinese students, many seeking to contribute to their country's modernization through engineering, science, and commerce. These students played a key role in bringing new technology and science back to China during an era of rapid modernization, while also promoting American understanding of China and its people.

Early Chinese graduates of MIT produced numerous inventions, from the world's first Chinese typewriter to the Model C training seaplane, and pioneered work in fields from microwave spectroscopy to nonlinear control theory. These students left a legacy of strong ties between China and "Tech" that profoundly influenced the course of globalization.

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## ~Local Attractions~

### On Campus

The MIT Museum: Building N51 (265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139)

The MIT museum presents exciting exhibits displaying the research done at MIT. Exhibits include artificial intelligence, holography, and robotics. Current displays include Inventions: Ship Models and Images of Discovery. The MIT museum is an exciting look into engineering and research at MIT. This year, a special exhibit about the MIT campus' move to Cambridge 100 years ago will be on display. The MIT museum is open from **10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday**. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

List Visual Arts Center: Building E15 (20 Ames Street, Atrium Level)

The List Visual Arts Center has collections with a focus on modern art. The current exhibits include Rosa Barba's The Color Out of Space.

The List Visual Arts Center is open from **12-6 pm on Saturday and Sunday** and is free to the public.

Book Marks: (Bldg. 7-228) Main Gallery & Reading Room

In old books, time and pressure cause ink from engraved portraits to seep into the surrounding pages and imprint a copy of the original image. These copies are imperfect likenesses, but they may be more accurate portraits. What we believe we know of Shakespeare is as clear as a cliché; what we actually know of him resembles these faces that stare out at us—secondhand, obscured and blurred by time.

An exhibition of prints from photographer and MIT staff member Thomas Gearty, "Book Marks" brings together a gallery of fading glory—famous writers and now-obscure authors, royalty, generals, religious figures and (fitting for MIT) scientists and engineers—largely drawn from books found in the collections of the MIT Libraries.

Exhibit open from 11am - 7pm.

## Off Campus

### Boston Common

The starting point of the Freedom Trail, Boston Common is the oldest park in the country. The park is almost 50 acres in size.

### Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail starts in the Boston Commons and leads around Boston's historical sites from the revolutionary era.

### Harbor Walk

The Harbor Walk is part of Boston's waterfront redevelopment. The path stretches 3.8 miles linking historic sites to the Boston Harbor. Along the way are the North End (Little Italy), the New England Aquarium, and the Institute for Contemporary Art.

### John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

With three theaters, period settings, and 25 dramatic multimedia exhibits, enter the recreated world of the Kennedy Presidency for a "first-hand" experience of John F. Kennedy's life, legacy, and leadership. The museum is open everyday from 9am - 5pm. Tickets are \$14 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

### Harvard Square

A pleasant area with restaurants and shops. Visit Pinkberry for frozen yogurt (3 Arrow Street). The Café Pamplona is a cool and historic place to get a coffee or tea (12 Bow Street).

### Quincy Market

Quincy Market is a bustling market in the center of Boston. This is near Faneuil Hall, which has a beautiful views, restaurants, shops and street performers.

### Museum of Science: 1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114

The Museum of Science is for kids and adults alike, displaying science from sustainable energy to human senses. Current exhibits include: Animals: Machines in Motion, What I Eat: Around the World in 25 Diets, Making Models, Hall of Human Life, Butterfly Garden, and more. The Museum also has an Omni theater for an addition admission cost. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. The museum is open 9am - 5pm.

### Museum of Fine Arts: 465 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Current exhibits include: Homer and the Epics, Impressionism and Post-Impressionism in France, Japanese Buddhist Temple Room, Uncontainable Portraits, Pairing Picasso, Gems and Jewelry from the Ancient Mediterranean, Landscape, Abstracted, TechStyle, Chinese Song Dynasty Gallery, and many many more. Youth tickets are free on weekends and tickets for adults cost \$25. The museum is open 10 am - 4:45 pm.

### New England Aquarium: Central Wharf Boston, MA 02110

The museum includes exhibits with penguins, sharks, turtles, sea lions, an octopus, and harbor seals among other attractions. There are two touch tanks, sharks and rays

and tidepool animals. Movies at the IMAX theater right next door include Galapagos, Humpback Whales, and Secret Ocean. Aquarium tickets for adults are \$27 and \$18 for children age 3-11. IMAX tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children age 3-11. The aquarium is open 9am - 6pm.

Fenway Park: 4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA 02215

Home of the Boston Red Sox. Fenway is the oldest continually operating ballpark in the United States and has a lot of cool history.

Cambridgeside Galleria: 100 CambridgeSide Place

Mall with stores and food court. A shuttle runs from Kendall Square Saturday 9am-8pm and Sunday 12pm-7pm.

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## ~Dining Options: Places to Eat Around MIT~

### On Campus

Anna's Taqueria	On the first floor of the Student Center. Burritos and quesadillas. Open from 7am to 11:30pm.
Shinkansen	On the second floor of the Student Center. Sushi and teriyaki. Open Saturday from 11am to 8pm. Closed Sunday.
Cafe Spice	On the second floor of the Student Center. Indian food. Open from 10:30am to 8pm.
LaVerde's Market	On first floor of the Student Center. Convenience store with sandwiches and soups, cold meals, and snacks. Open 24 hours.
Shawarma Shack	On the second floor of the Student Center. Middle Eastern cuisine. Open Sunday from 11am to 7pm. Closed Sunday.
Dunkin Donuts	On the first floor of the Student Center. Coffee and donuts. Open from 8am to 6pm.

### Kendall Square

Chipotle	(Mexican; 11am - 10pm)
Legal Seafoods	(Upscale seafood; Sat 11am - 11pm, Sun 12pm - 10pm)
Cosi	(Flatbread sandwiches, soups, and salads; 8am - 8pm)
Au Bon Pain	(Bakery cafe; Sat 7am - 5pm, Sun 8am - 4pm)
Clover Food Labs	(Vegetarian, Sat 7am - 11pm, Sun 9am - 6pm)
Bailey and Sage	(Sandwiches and salads, 7:30am - 9pm)

A short walk further East: Domino's Pizza  
Dunkin Donuts  
Za's (sit-down, unusual pizzas and salads)  
Evoo (upscale sit-down restaurant)

A block west of Vassar along Main: Technology Square  
Area Four (Trendy pizza cafe; 11:30am - 10pm)  
Quizno's (Sandwiches; Sat 11-3, Sun 11-8)

### **Off Campus**

Chicago Pizza	At 239 Mass. Ave. Pizza and subs. Open until 4 am.
Beantown Taqueria	At 245 Mass. Ave. Mexican. Open until 4am Saturday, 11pm Sunday.
Bertucci's	At 799 Main Street. Pasta and pizza. Open until 10 pm.
Amelia's Trattoria	At 111 Harvard Street. Upscale Italian. Open until 11 pm Saturday, closed on Sundays.

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