Dear Parents,

Welcome to Splash 2010! There are many exciting and fun things to do around MIT and in the Boston area. Here are some ways that you can pass time as your student takes part in our many interesting class offerings.

Parents’ Lounge and Parents’ Program

Learning Unlimited will run a program specifically for parents with lectures, sample classes and other interesting and fun activities from 9:30am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday in rooms 32-141 and 32-144. Please drop in any time!

Places to Eat

On-Campus Food
Anna’s Taqueria  On the first floor of the Student Center. Burritos and quesadillas. Open from 7am to 1am.
Shinkansen  On the second floor of the Student Center. Sushi and teriyaki. Open from 11am to 8pm. Closed Sunday.
Subway  On the second floor of the Student Center. Hot and cold sandwiches. Open from 8am to 11pm.
Cambridge Grill  On first floor of the Student Center. Burgers, subs, and brick-oven pizza. Open from 11am to 8pm.
LaVerde’s Market  On first floor of the Student Center. Convenience store with sandwiches and soups, cold meals, and snacks. Open from 7am to 11pm on Saturday, 3am on Sunday.

Off-Campus Food
Chicago Pizza  At 239 Mass. Ave. Pizza and subs. Open until 2am on Saturday, 1am on Sunday.
Olive Tree Café  At 245 Mass. Ave. Middle Eastern food. Open until 12am.
Royal Bengal  At 313 Mass. Ave. Indian food with vegetables or meat. Open until 10pm.
Thailand Café  At 302 Mass. Ave. Thai dishes, curry, and noodles. Open until 11pm on Saturdays, 10pm on Sundays.
Bertucci’s  At 799 Main Street. Pasta and pizza. Open until 11pm on Saturdays, 10pm on Sundays.
Legal Seafood  At 5 Cambridge Center. Seafood and steak. Open until 11pm on Saturdays, 10pm on Sundays. Central Square is home to many other restaurants, but it’s half a mile north from 77 Mass. Ave.

Harvard Square is also full of many restaurants, if you’re willing to walk that far or take the #1 bus up Massachusetts Ave. Kendall Square has a food court near the Red Line T-station and MIT Coop, which is home to Au Bon Pain, Sbarro, Damon’s, Beijing Tokyo, and Teriyaki Café; there is also a Cosi close to the T stop. The food court is open from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays.
Things to Do

On-Campus Attractions

- The Stata Center: Building 32
  The Stata Center is notable on campus for its deconstructivist architecture and for the research and classes it contains. Frank Gehry (architect of the Guggenheim in Bilbao, Spain) designed the building. The parents’ program will be held in the Stata Center.

- The MIT Museum: 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139
  The MIT museum includes exciting exhibits displaying the research done at MIT. Exhibits include artificial intelligence, holography and robotics. The MIT museum is an exciting look into engineering and research at MIT.

- List Visual Arts Center: 20 Ames Street Building E15, Atrium Level
  The List Visual Arts Center has collections with a focus on modern art. The current exhibits include pieces by Frances Stark, Emily Wardill and Melvin Moti.

On-Campus Events

The MIT Musical Theater Guild (MTG) is performing Guys and Dolls in The Student Center (W20). Performances are on Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm.

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Off-Campus Attractions

- 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.

- Boston Public Garden:
  The public gardens are a beautiful public park with trees, flowers, lawns, ponds and art.

- Harvard Square:
  A pleasant area with restaurants and shops. Visit Berry Line 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
  Includes exhibits on Dinosaurs, MC Escher and George Washington Carver.
  Saturday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
  Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

- Museum of Fine Arts: 465 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02115
  Exhibits include Under the Skin: Tattoos in Japanese Prints, Avedon Fashion 1944–2000
  Saturday and Sunday 10 am-4:45 pm

- New England Aquarium: Central Wharf Boston, MA 02110
  The museum includes exhibits with penguins, tiger sharks, piranhas and colorful poison dart frogs. Saturday and Sunday open 9 am-6 pm
• Fenway Park: 4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA 02215
  Home of the Boston Red Sox. Fenway is the oldest continually operating ball park in the
  United States and has a lot of cool history.
• Duck tours:
  A land and water tour of Boston.

Parking

Parking will be available free of charge at the West Garage at 125 Vassar Street and Albany Garage at
32 Albany Street on the MIT campus for all of Splash. Another convenient parking lot that is always
open during ESP programs is the N10 lot, between Vassar and Albany streets on the east side of Mass.
Ave. Further away, there is the Hayward St. Lot for more parking.