

PIP Hosts Second Sci-Tech Fest Nov 5th at ABRHS

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PIP (Parent Involvement Project) is hosting its second Acton-Boxboro Sci-Tech Fest on Monday, November 5 at the Acton-Boxborough High School (Open House from 6pm to 8:30pm.) for Grades 7 to 12. The Sci-Tech Fest is an interactive fair of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) demonstrations from a wide variety of disciplines geared towards students in High School/Jr High and their parents/caregivers. PIP's first Sci-Tech Fest (2005) was attended by over 300 and included exhibits and activities by more than 25 businesses, Acton-Boxborough School and community partners including: Athlete's Edge, Cisco, Concord Consortium, IROBOT, The Science Discovery Museum, Tuft's Veterinary School, a USAF Space Pioneer, the A-B Rocketry Club and more.

The 2007 PIP Sci-Tech Fest will feature many new interactive and hands-on exhibits from participants including: the ABRHS InvenTeam (award winning invention sponsored in part by CISCO Systems), Acton Family Dental (welcome Dr. Yao!), Acton's Solar panel project (see how the Leary scoreboard is solar powered!), BAE systems (Infrared night camera), the new Worker's Credit Union (WCU) bank at ABRHS, Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS) (latest hiking technology), the LWV Environmental Team (energy saving light bulb demo), One Laptop per Child (OLPC) as seen on 60 Minutes!, SkidSchool (on the physics of driving safety) and more!

Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to work at the Sci-Tech Fest interacting with professionals in the field of math, science, and technology to learn firsthand about careers. Working at Sci-Tech also earns community service hours and 990 credit hours for ABRHS students. Contact PIP for more info. Don't miss this year's Sci-Tech Fest and a chance for students to win free area science passes and prizes! For more details about PIP's mission of increasing community involvement in STEM education, the Sci-Tech Fest and volunteering, visit the PIP website at www.actonpip.org or contact PIP Co-Chairs Karen Herther or Carlie Krakoff, at actonpip@yahoo.com.

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