

## **PIP (Parent Involvement Project) Grant Funds MIT Engineering Workshops**

Acton PIP (Parent Involvement Project) is pleased to sponsor a series of MIT Engineering workshops at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School (ABRHS) on Friday, January 26 during school periods 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8. (Students attend only one period.) This is a collaborative effort between PIP and Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, and it is the first time the MIT student engineering workshops have been conducted at ABRHS.

The goal of the workshops, led by MIT engineering students, is to answer the question, “What is Engineering?” then present an overview of engineering disciplines, and explain why engineering is a rewarding career. Presenters will facilitate a hands-on activity using engineering concepts and share their experiences as engineering students.

To attend the workshop, ABRHS students should sign up with Mrs. Groener in the Counseling Center indicating which period they will be attending. Space is limited.

PIP is pleased to offer the MIT student engineering workshops locally through an IBM Community Volunteer Grant. Although the workshops are open to girls and boys, they are sponsored in part by the MIT Women in Engineering (WIE) Initiative. Special thanks to Kay Steeves – ABRHS Faculty Adviser, Stephen Hitzrot – Chair of Counseling and Deborah Bookis –K to 12 Curriculum Coordinator for helping facilitate this initiative with PIP.

Acton PIP is a coalition of parents, educators, community members and business partners supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education in grades K-12. For more information about Acton PIP (Parent Involvement Project), contact Karen Herther (263-6742) or Latha Swaroop (266-2737) or visit [actonpip.org](http://actonpip.org).