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Bright Coloured Locker Accessories are this year's 'must have' items for Back to School

TORONTO, ON – July 18, 2006 – Personalizing locker space with brightly coloured accessories is crucial for 'tweens and teens in order to help make a lasting impression on their peers the first day of school.

Decorating isn't limited to the professional anymore. Students can decorate their locker space with a myriad of brightly coloured accessories from magnetic mirrors to stackable shelves to mesh wire holders for their important personal items, such as cell phones and make-up.

"Today, retailers recognize students are looking for supplies that meet their needs but differentiate themselves from their peers," says Pete Gibel, Vice President Merchandising, STAPLES Business Depot. "This year we're offering exclusive Magnetic Locker Gear products for students that provide convenient and fresh ways to organize and personalize their locker space."

An organized locker can be a major feat with all of the binders, textbooks and consumable items, such as pens, pencils and markers not to mention backpacks and gym equipment. STAPLES Business Depot can help make a students life easy by offering a vast selection of Magnetic Locker Gear.

Here are the new 2006-2007 'must haves' for the cool and organized locker:

1. **Magnetic Mesh Whiteboard/Corkboard Combo** great for displaying photos of favorite movie and television actors and messages or reminder from friends.
2. **Magnetic Scented Locker Plush** perfect for aiding against unwanted locker odours from running shoes and gym clothes.
3. **Locker Shelf with Expandable Legs** expands to hold binders and textbooks
4. **4-Pack of Magnetic Memo Clips**
5. **Magnetic Mesh Locker Mirror**
6. **12 Piece Locker Value Pack** offers an assortment of magnetic accessories
7. **7 Piece Magnetic Photo Frame Set** great for showcasing pictures from summer vacation.

STAPLES Business Depot has so much more to offer in the Magnetic Locker Gear line to make it easy for students to decorate and organize their lockers for the new school year.

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