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Top 'Tech' Picks for Back-to-School

Compact, Portable and Space Saving

Toronto, ON - August 27, 2004 - Tech savvy kids are heading back-to-school armed with the technology they need to succeed.

"Today's students are choosing high-tech solutions to save space, transport electronic files or provide compact communications," says Pete Gibel, Vice-President, Merchandising, STAPLES Business Depot. "Ultra-thin LCD computer monitors are ideal to save space, while Sandisk Mini Cruzers USB Drives are quickly replacing floppy disks and CDs as the file transporter of choice for electronic files. Cell phones now come packaged with many features - it's not just a phone anymore," adds Pete Gibel.

Here are the top 'tech' picks for back-to-school this fall:

Sandisk 128MB Mini Cruiser USB Drive: Small enough to carry on a key chain. Transport your homework from school to your home computer with a device that holds a whole lot of data, but is smaller than a pencil.

BenQ 17" LCD Monitor: An ultra-thin sleek LCD computer monitor frees up valuable desk space or can be mounted on a wall. Not to mention it has great picture quality.

Samsung 19" LCD Monitor: Just 7.5" thin, this LCD monitor offers the ultimate in picture quality - crisp, clean text with bright vivid colours.

iRiver 256MB MP3 Player: No need to carry CDs around, this compact player stores up to eight hours of music and downloads via a USB port on your computer.

Logitech Quickcam Messenger: Chatting online just got visual. The Logitech Quickcam Messenger adds live video and audio to a website, messages and emails. Keep in touch with friends and family anywhere in the world. Easy to Use.

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Firelite Portable 40GB Hard Drive: This hard drive is the size of the palm of your hand. Back up any files with a hard drive that has plenty of memory. Conveniently plugs into other computers.

Samsung A600 Cell Phone: This phone flips, twists, zooms and flashes, with so many features it's hard to believe it's still a phone. Equipped with a 300,000 pixel digital camera, a built-in flash, 4x digital zoom, high-definition colour display and more.

Motorola TalkAbout 7100R: Two-way radios featuring rich 22 Channels, 38 codes, weather resistant, hands free option and separate chargers. Keep in contact for up to 12 kms.

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