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Helpful hacks to ease school hassles

(StatePoint) Whether your life revolves around cubby holes and recess or rolling campus hills and term papers, helpful hacks can ensure students, teachers and families are organized in dorm rooms, classrooms and households.

It's all about having supplies on hand that keep items tidy and make cleaning easier. Even regular household staples can be repurposed to help students stay organized. For instance, plastic cups in a muffin tin can become an instant art supply holder, and binder clips can separate tangled cords and chargers. An over-the-door shoe organizer can make for great storage space for snacks or other dorm room essentials.

When heading to the store, consider versatile products like EasyLiner brand shelf

liners by Duck brand, which can be used to line desk drawers, protect craft tables, decorate mini dorm room fridges and more to help items stay in place, guard against



spills and add a touch of personal style. Shelf liners can even be used to make book covers and mouse pads.

With proper organization and the right tools, everyone can concentrate on school work and a successful year.

Make a statement at school: Four trends for kids to try



with brighter and more pronounced logo choices.

Prints and Patterns

In the past, mixing patterns has been taboo, but according to Grant, it's now encouraged.

Patterned shoes are no longer treated as a statement shoe, but rather as a neutral that can be mixed and paired with any item in the closet.

Shoes to

(StatePoint) Fashion trends are cyclical and those in the know love it! From chunky soles to bold colors and oversized brand logos, this school year, 90s-inspired sneakers are all the rage.

Here are some tips on how to stay comfortable and on-trend at school, from Laryssa Grant, a young adult buyer for national family footwear retailer, Rack Room Shoes.

Jewel Tones, Pops of Color

Fashion is a form of expression, and right now, shoes are doing all the talking. Simple clothing choices paired with bold, jewel-toned shoes make getting dressed easy and fun.

Shoes to try: Vans sneakers in red, blue, purple or yellow. Vans' retro styles come in a variety of vibrant colors and patterns with sizes for school-aged girls and boys -- and parents, too.

Big Logos

When it comes to clothing and shoe choices this school year, there's no need for subtlety. Bigger is better. Bolder is better. Top brands are embracing this concept in their logo designs.

Shoes to try: A variety of brands such as Nike, Adidas, Fila and Converse offer styles this season that kick it up a notch

try: Converse has put a fun twist on its classic style with floral and rainbow patterns. Paired with a swing dress or jeans and a t-shirt, these styles make even the most standard outfit unique.

Chunky

Remember when mom jeans became a fashion must-have? A style better known as "chunky dad shoes" are just as hot this year. For men, women and kids of all ages, sneakers with extra thick soles take a casual look to the next level and provide comfort for even the most active little feet.

Shoes to try: Fila is nailing the chunky sole trend and has sneakers in sizes for the whole family.

For one-stop-shopping, families can visit the Kids Club at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online at rackroomshoes.com.

"Shopping is always an exciting activity for kids and families," says Grant. "And now, parents can revisit the styles they loved while helping their children express their individualities."

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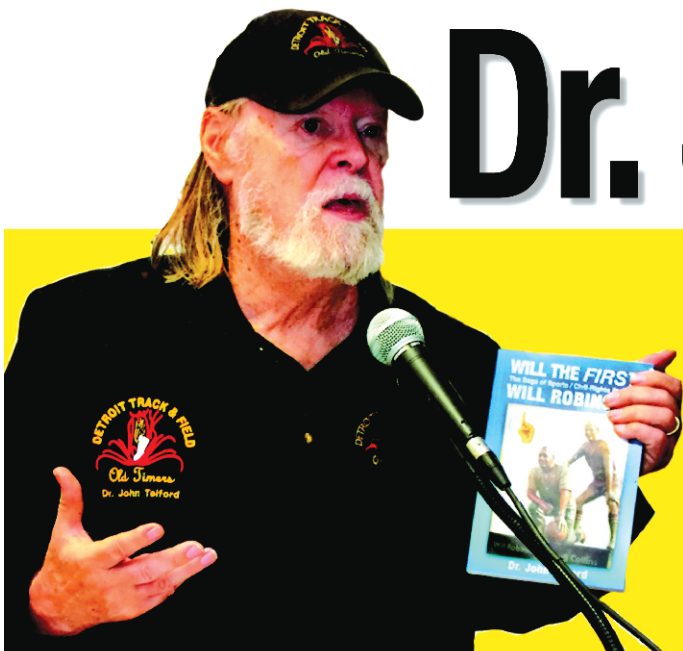
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