



Einstein, Taichi and the Galaxy: Technology just got schooled

Staples Canada showcases top tech products for the upcoming school season

Toronto, ON, August 7, 2013 – Staples Canada, the leader in office supplies and Canada's largest online retailer, today announced the top tech products for back-to-school, covering the latest in functional – and fun – technology. Outside of school supplies, the retailer carries a wide assortment of technology including novelty USB drives, notebooks, headphones and tablets, making it easy to find the perfect item for every student before school begins.

"Technology has become a cornerstone in our education system," said Jot Toor, vice president of merchandising at Staples Canada. "Students are choosing products that speak to them, coordinating functionality with fashion, trends and fun."

A recent study found that technology in the classroom is not keeping up with the pace of change in the market. Although the majority of teachers see mobile devices, such as laptops (66 per cent) and tablets (62 per cent) as the most useful in their classroom, only 58 per cent have laptops and 36 per cent have tablets for use in the classroom.

Top laptops for back-to-school:

- ASUS 15.6" Laptop available in a variety of colours
- Acer Aspire 15.6" Super Slim Touchscreen
- ASUS TaiChi21 11.6" Touchscreen Laptop and Tablet

Top tablets:

- Google Nexus 7
- Samsung Galaxy 10.1" Tab 3
- Samsung Galaxy Note 8

Top sound devices:

- Monsters NCredible NTune On-Ear Headphones
- Beats by Dre Pill Portable Stereo Speaker with Bluetooth
- iHome Monsters University Earbuds or Headphones perfect for young students

Top portable storage:

- Mimobot 8GB flash drives Einstein, Ugly Dolls, R2-D2, Family Guy and more
- Lexar 8GB TwistTurn USB Flash Drive, 3-pack
- Seagate 1TB Wireless Plus Mobile Hard Drive

Top tech accessories:

- Logitech Ultrathin iPad Keyboard Cover
- OtterBox Defender Case for iPad
- SurfEasy Plug in Privacy Web Browsing
- D-Link Travel Router
- Slingbox 500 Media Streamer with HDMI and WiFi
- Heys Spectrum Backpack with laptop/tablet sleeve

For more information please visit <u>www.staples.ca</u>. And learn more about products like the Samsung Galaxy Note 8 on <u>TechTV</u>.

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