# Back to School Cool!

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The temperatures might be soaring but summer is winding down and it is time to wring out the bathing suits and pull out the backpacks. To help you stock up on back-to-school gear we chose our favorite Valley spots (and some internet ones too) to help get the kids fired-up for class and to be sure to send them off in style!



## **COOL LUNCH**



The ??Oots Dutch Lunch Box puts a modern spin on the classic American lunch box. Not only is the outside durable, the inside includes one large container and four small containers that stack neatly upright and prevent food from being tossed around on the way to school-and the lid of the box keeps a water bottle neatly in place. Oh, and the containers are microwave and dishwasher safe. Now that's a neat lunch!

#### Little Artika

www.littleartika.com City North 480.563.9333 Central Phoenix 602.277.0111

#### **UNIFORMS WITH STYLE**



Dillard's is your one-stop shopping place for school uniforms and accessories. Not only are the uniforms iron-free and stain resistant but they carry every possible style and color so that your kids can meet the school policy and still have some freedom to express themselves.

Dillard's www.dillards.com

#### **GET ORGANIZED**



Whether you're in need of a pencil box or locker magnets, The Container Store has got you covered for back to school supplies. You can find multiple styles for whatever you need to keep things organized and tidy the entire year.

### The Container Store

www.containerstore.com 18550 North Scottsdale Road 480.563.7611

#### SNAZZY DRESSER

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From preschool to college, Nordstrom has everything you need to get stylish for school. Brands range from 7 For All Mankind, True Religion, Juicy Couture, Roxy, Quicksilver, Puma and the list goes on and on...

#### Nordstrom

www.nordstrom.com Nordstrom Scottsdale Fashion Square 480.946.4111 Nordstrom Chandler Fashion Center 480.855.2500

## PACK IT UP



Backpacks can be just as important as the clothes they are wearing, so instead of driving from store to store in search of the perfect pack just hop on a laptop and go to Zappos.com to find a plethora of styles to choose from. Shipping is free and items arrive in just four to five business days (we usually receive items in Arizona in just two days!).

# Zappos

www.zappos.com

## FANCY FEET



Design your own shoes on Converse.com down to the tiniest detail like the color of the stitching. You don't need to be an artist to enjoy designing your own fancy footwear; just choose a style and then choose from the patterns and colors available at each step and voila! you have a one of a kind creation. Note: Your custom design will take two to four weeks to arrive.

Converse www.converse.com