## School News & Notes

## **Schools Get Smart About Uniforms**

(NAPSA)—Because great minds think alike, schools across the country have discovered that uniforms have a lot of advantages.

Not only do school uniforms reduce distractions for students, they help instill discipline, reduce the need for school personnel to monitor inappropriate clothing, and uniforms help to create a sense of community within a school.

Some say school uniforms help eliminate competition, pressure to have the latest trends and may even help reduce violence in schools because students can't bring in weapons hidden in uniforms, the way they can in baggy oversized clothes.

While no long-term studies have been done on the effectiveness of school uniforms. According to a recent article found online at FamilyEducation.com one school district saw attendance go up and crime statistics drop by 76 percent after adopting a school uniform policy.

Parents tend to like school uniforms since they save them time and money. There's less shopping and less arguments over what's appropriate clothing for school.

Now, there's a new advantage to school uniforms that many parents will appreciate—new fabric technologies that keep uniforms looking clean and crisp.

Dupont<sup>™</sup> Teflon<sup>®</sup> fabric protector helps kids outsmart stains, which in turn helps uniforms stay clean and crisp longer during the



School uniforms are now easier to keep clean and new looking, thanks to the latest stainrepelling fabric technology.

school week. Kids still like to have fun, even when they're wearing uniforms. Adding Teflon fabric protector means that kids can run in the grass, eat ice cream cones and have all the fun they want without worrying about stains.

The latest technology works in two ways. It repels stain agents such as food or liquids and it also enhances wash-out capabilities, meaning that even ground-in stains like grass will disappear in the wash.

Two popular brands of uniforms, Lee brand and French Toast Uniforms, feature the stain protector in their lines. Both manufacturers offer an array of shirts, sweaters, jackets, skirts and pants to fit a variety of school uniform requirements. For more information, visit www.dupont.com or www.teflon.com.