

## The Scoop

## School Supplies for Grownups

This fall join the kids and use new versions of old standbys

## OUT



## THE DETAILS

## « Encyclopedias vs. tablet computers »

Portable devices like the iPad (\$399 and up) and Samsung Galaxy (\$250 and up) are fast replacing heavy books as entry points to info. Twenty-one percent of tablet owners are 50 through 64, almost double the percentage of teens who have them, a Nielsen study finds.

## IN



## « Bulletin boards vs. Pinterest »

Corkboards and storage boxes get a digital update with Pinterest, a content-sharing site with more than 10 million registered users. Digitally "pin" the images you like onto Pinterest—from your family vacations to Aunt Amy's apple pie—and keep everything organized online.



## « No. 2 pencils vs. smart pens »

No more losing your notes. The Livescribe pen (starting at \$120) digitally records what you hear and write and lets you upload those files to your computer. Bonus: The audio capability reduces your need to write if you have arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome. —Stacey Closser



## THE COOL PLACE TO BUY SMOKIN'-HOT ART



Those cigarette machines from your youth have a new purpose. With most banned from dispensing cigs, the restored machines now dispense crafts. About 100 colorful Art-o-Mats are scattered in clinics, stores, libraries, and hotels across the country, with more than a dozen added this year. They feature everything from sculptures to glass earrings. Insert \$5 and out pops a pocket-size cellophane-wrapped item made by one of about 400 professional artists, many of them 50-plus. If you think your art could fit in, visit [artomat.org](http://artomat.org) for submission details. Says printmaker Ilse Buchert Nesbitt, 79, of Newport, Rhode Island: "Selling art this way is fun." —Laura Daily

## WHISPER WHILE YOU SEARCH

The next time you lose something, talk it out—with yourself. Those who talk to themselves about an object while searching for it can find it faster, per a new study in *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*. So say the word keys as you look for them—and locate them in time for your lunch date.

—Katie Quander Wooldridge

