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CORRECTIONS

In the August "Best Elementary Schools" listing, Prince William County schools numbers for 2008-2011 SOL pass averages were listed incorrectly. The rankings remain the same, and the updated numbers can be found online.

In "Beyond Basics" the image on pg. 74 should have been credited to Bob Narod Photography for BOWA Builders.

FALL TREND REPORT

Planning to partake in your own type of "back-to-school" shopping, whether or not you'll be heading back to the books? Recently we caught up with Bloomingdale's operating VP of women's fashion direction, Stephanie Solomon, and Brooke Jaffe, the store's fashion accessories director, to get their recommendations regarding fall's most fabulous trends. Ladies, you're going to want to book it to Bloomie's.—NATALIE KAAR

The top trends everyone should consider embracing this fall?

{SS} Women should embrace hues inspired by stain-glass windows ... Shine is also intrinsic this season and can be found in metallic shades like copper or foil silver, as well via metal embellishments, patent leathers and satins. In terms of specific pieces, every woman needs to invest in the perfect colorful leather jacket ... The next must-have is an ultra-feminine lace dress; again color is key! Last but not least, she must have a pair of printed denim with texture like brocade, tapestry and elaborate embellishments.



Name one TV show or film, past or present, that best defines the look of fall 2012?

(SS) This fall embodies the opulence of "Downton Abbey," the daring attitude of Lady Gaga and the originality of a downtown artist.



In fall shoes, what are you most wanting to bag up?

{BJ} Some of my favorites include liquid metallic Giuseppe Zanotti heels in gold, a pair of flat smoking slippers from Dolce Vita, studded moto boots by Ash, B Brian Atwood black riding boot with black crystal heel.

Details of fall's "it" bag?

{BJ} The "it bag" for fall is a structured ladylike handbag in bowler and dome shapes ... Chloe's "Angie" bag in red is one of my favorites. Other designers like Zac Posen, Milly and Marc by Marc Jacobs are all offering lust-worthy options.

For the woman who wants an edgier look, Rebecca Minkoff's studded Affair bag.

We'll bring you a different style expert each month. Next month the sartorial gurus at Saks talk men's fall fashion trends.

Products shown (available at Bloomingdale's stores and website): DV Dolce Vita Smoking Shoes, Lissa (tiger), \$79: 7 For All Mankind Jeans-The Skinny in Laser Gold Floral (gold skinny), \$215



DESTINATION: Fornash [Ballston Mall, Arlington; 703-525-3206, fornash.com]

ATMOSPHERE/ATTITUDE: The store's tidy layout reflects the brand's pristine mentality as the D.C.-Metro area's "ultimate preppy chic boutique."

BREAD & BUTTER: Owner Stephanie Fornash Kennedy, a former consultant, began making handbags and selling them at Eastern Market before opening her own shop in 2005, expanding her inventory since.

SWEET SURPRISES: Loads of bright, affordable accessories (ex. earrings, \$15; pumps, \$40) in back.

FIERCEST FANS: Facebook fans enter to win a featured product on Fridays.



OBSESSIONS THIS INSTANT



White is white-hot this fall, but dingy whites are not the least bit fabulous. Enter this fast-acting, fantastic-smelling detergent. The Laundress Whites Detergent (33.3 oz); \$18.99 at soaps.com



This scent (a tobacco composition built on notes from honey and fruits to woods, ambers) is pricey but SO sexy. Kilian Back to Black Aphrodisiac Eau de Parfum (1.7 oz); \$225 at Saks-Tysons



Meet a new line of anti-aging nail colors with six creamy classic-to-trendy shades that bring serious staying power, shine and strengthening. Dermelect 'ME' (0.4 oz); \$14 at dermelect.com



This fall, pumps bring lots of pomp and circumstance. One fine example: this scene-stealing shoe from Jimmy Choo. Jimmy Choo Tezer Ostrich Feather Satin Platform Sandals; \$1,050, Saks-Tysons



Seeking an in-between-pedis fix for keeping feet crackand callus-free? Meet your BFF. Dermelect Cosmeceuticals Runway Ready Luxury Foot Treatment (4 oz); \$25 at dermelect.com 9/1