



Over 150,000 stackers
out to break Guinness World
Record™ in Sport Stacking on
Thursday, November 8th!



Sport Stacking Marquee Schools Named

*14 schools headline 2007 WSSA STACK UP! for Guinness World Records Day
Nearly 1,000 schools and organizations taking part from all over the globe!*

The World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) has registered over 150,000 stackers for the 2007 STACK UP! which takes place on November 8th, this year's Guinness World Records Day, The current count almost doubles the amount of participants last year who set the first Guinness World Record for: *"Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day."*

As part of this record-setting event, the WSSA has selected 14 "Marquee Schools" to help lead the way to shatter last year's Guinness World Record. They were chosen out of a field of nearly 1,000 schools and organizations from around the world that have registered to participate in the WSSA STACK UP!. Participating countries include the United States, Canada, Germany, Australia, Great Britain, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, Columbia and Nepal.

The following is a listing of the Sport Stacking Marquee Schools, which include school locations and names, contact information, number of predicted stackers, and the schools' STACK UP! plans.

LADSEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Oakbrook Elementary School, Laurel Shirey, PE Teacher
306 Old Fort Drive, Ladson, SC 29456 Phone #: 610-587-3089
Projected # of stackers: 1,100

Oakbrook Elementary is shooting for the distinction of having the most stackers in one school participate in the 2007 WSSA STACK UP! This is the first year Oakbrook will be participating, and the school plans to involve more than 1,100 stackers. According to PE Teacher Laurel Shirey, everyone is getting into the stacking act. In music, students will manipulate Speed Stacks® cups to different rhythms, dance classes will incorporate stacking into performance pieces, and as part of art instruction, students will create architectural structures. In PE, Sport Stacking relays, races and competitions will be the order of the day. "Our principals are 100% behind the (WSSA STACK UP!)," Shirey said. "It not only works on the students' hand-eye coordination, bilateral proficiency, sequencing and patterning, but in the same manner it will completely unify our school in tackling this worldwide event!"

GRANITE BAY, CALIFORNIA

Granite Bay High School, Alena Hansen, Club President for the Super Speed Stackers Club
#1 Grizzly Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746 Phone #: 916-791-4184
Projected # of stackers: 15

The award for Sport Stacking perseverance goes to Alena Hansen, a high school senior at Granite Bay High School. When Alena was a sophomore, she tried to start a Sport Stacking club at her school, but it was rejected, because teachers thought there wouldn't be any interest. What? Later that year, she tried out for her school's talent show with a Sport Stacking routine, and was rejected again (musical acts only). Not to be discouraged, Alena tried out for the talent show again in her junior year, and finally was allowed to participate. "Everyone loved my act," she said. The news media did, too.. Alena made television appearances on the local Fox channel and "Good Day Sacramento," which the whole school got to watch. Finally, it's her senior year, and guess what? The teachers let her start her club. It's called the Super Speed Stackers Club, and rightly so, Alena is at the top of the stack as president. She looks forward to being part of a Guinness record.

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

**Kathmandu International Study Centre, Leslie Smith, Principal
Jawalakhel, PO Box 2714, Kathmandu, Nepal
Projected # of stackers: 30**

This is the first time stackers in Nepal will be participating in a WSSA Sport Stacking event. The Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) is hooked on Sport Stacking, and according to Principal (and former PE teacher) Leslie Smith, sets of Speed Stacks® have "hardly seen a quiet moment for the last three months." Smith came across Sport Stacking while leafing through an old sports equipment catalog wanting to get ideas for her school in Nepal. A light bulb clicked when she remembered being introduced to Sport Stacking at a PE convention, and it's been a hit ever since she introduced it. Her upper elementary students have formed a Speed Stacks Drill Team and performed at a school variety show. Younger students stack in their classroom learning stations and PE teachers use the Speed Stacks cups during many daily warm-ups. The KISC has even challenged a nearby American school to a competition. This school is very excited to be counted as part of the 2007 WSSA STACK UP!

SINGAPORE

**CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent, Fanny Tham, Project Manager
65-407-1832
Projected # of stackers: 300**

Students, staff and parents will come together for the first time in Singapore to celebrate the 2007 WSSA STACK UP! The locale is CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent where Sport Stacking has been received with enthusiasm. "Singapore is very excited to be part of this rapidly growing sport," said Jonathan Foo, President of Speed Stacks Singapore. "Sport Stacking is simple, uncomplicated and yet as engaging as compared to the many activities that our youth are doing today. There are proven social, educational and brain development benefits of Sport Stacking, which can make it more than a sport, but part of a Singaporean's lifestyle." The WSSA welcomes Singapore to this year's STACK UP!

FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

**Chelsea Intermediate School, Dan Prorok, PE Teacher
22265 S. 80th Avenue, Frankfort, IL 60423 Phone #: 815-469-2309
Projected # of stackers: 800**

This will be Chelsea Intermediate School's second year participating in the WSSA STACK UP! "Chelsea has fallen in love with Sport Stacking and we run our own school tournament every year," says Dan Prorok, Chelsea's PE Teacher. The school also helped develop the Southwest Illinois Invitational. For this year's STACK UP!, Chelsea will integrate its' "Character Counts" program into the Sport Stacking activities. "Students will focus on the six pillars of character: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Citizenship and Fairness," said Prorok. In addition to traditional Sport Stacking activities, the students will build a "tower of character" and spell out the letters of their favorite pillar.

ALBERTA, CANADA

**Ecole Leo Nickerson Elementary School
Glenn Wilson, PE Teacher, Physical Education Council President
10 Sycamore Avenue, Albert, Alberta CAN T8N0K3 Phone #: 780-459-4426
Projected # of stackers: 480**

Imagine trying to find programs to unify a triple track school that combines French Immersion, English and Christian programs. Sport Stacking has done just that and is one of the rare activities that involves every student. "Because of the introduction of Sport Stacking, Leo Nickerson is proud to have 100% participation from every child," said PE Teacher Glenn Wilson. He refers to Sport Stacking as an "intermediary activity." These are skills and activities that when taught give participants the confidence and physical awareness necessary to branch out into more mainstream healthy pursuits. "With Sport Stacking, there is no longer any excuse to not meet every child's activity needs." For this year's STACK UP! Leo Nickerson's hallways and gymnasium will be filled with students stacking.

ATTICA, NEW YORK

Prospect Elementary School and Attica High School, Lori Bifarella, PE Teacher

31 Prospect Street, Attica, NY 14011 Phone #: 585-591-3219

Projected # of stackers: 1,000

Prospect Elementary School is the proud host of the New York State Sport Stacking Championships. This year's event, held in October, was particularly notable as two new overall world records were set in the Cycle and Doubles competitions. According to PE Teacher Lori Bifarella, the Attica community stands firmly behind Sport Stacking and celebrates right alongside the kids when tournament time rolls around. When it comes time for the WSSA STACK UP! getting people interested and involved is an "easy task." This will be Prospect's second year to participate. "Last year we had stackers all over the school from the gym to the classrooms, even out in the hallways on every floor. It was an amazing site to see the kids teaching their teachers how to stack." The stacking craze is contagious and has caught on at Attica High School. This year Prospect plans to stack in the morning then ship the equipment to the high school to give them a chance to meet or beat their stacking numbers. "Combined we should have slightly over 1,000 stackers for the day," Bifarella said. "Keep on stacking!"

SAHUARITA, ARIZONA

Sahuarita Intermediate School

Barbara Lewis, PE Teacher

350 W. Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, AZ Phone #: 520-625-3502

Projected # of stackers: 150

For PE Teacher Barbara Lewis, the WSSA STACK UP! was not a hard sell. Her principal, Scott Downs, jumped right on board with "a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit," she said. "He believes play is an important part of life and learning." According to Lewis, Sport Stacking is a wonderfully individualized sport that also promotes teamwork. "Any sport that helps students develop motor skills, focus, concentration, hand-eye coordination and both sides of the body and brain is worth advertising." Come November 8th, Sahuarita students will be showcasing their stacking skills with excitement and the full support of their principal. "We are very happy to be part of this effort to set a new world record," Lewis said. "One hundred fifty Sahuarita Intermediate students salute the other Sport Stackers from around the world."

ROCKLIN, CALIFORNIA

Rock Creek Elementary School

Loralie Hawkins, PE Teacher

2140 Collet Quarry Dr., Rocklin, CA 95765 Phone #: 916-788-4282

Projected # of stackers: 550

California's Rock Creek Elementary is a textbook case on how a school gets hooked on Sport Stacking. Here is how it reads: PE teacher Loralie Hawkins attends a Sport Stacking workshop in 2002 at her state's Physical Education conference. Hawkins becomes "totally attached." Introduces it to her students, who go nuts over it. Starts an after-school Sport Stacking program. Holds a sanctioned tournament. Takes her fastest students to the World Sport Stacking Championships. Works as a relay manager at World Championships. Returns the next year, and one of her students becomes a world record holder for his age group in the Cycle Stack. Participates in first WSSA STACK UP! Sport Stacking program grows. Signs up for second annual STACK UP! with even more enthusiasm. Holds after-school sessions to work on techniques to become faster and improve strategies for doubles and relay teams. "We are putting together Stack Meet teams to compete against other schools," said Hawkins. "Sport Stacking has become a big enjoyment for the Rocklin, California kids, and we will continue with more and more activities, tournaments and even the 2008 World Sport Stacking Championships." No doubt about it, Rock Creek Elementary School rocks when it comes to Sport Stacking!

O'FALLON, MISSOURI

Crossroads Elementary

Jennifer Buford, PE Teacher

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Projected # of stackers: 850

Crossroads Elementary is turning this year's WSSA STACK UP! into a school wide event. The school will be decked out with signs and balloons and stacking activities will cross the curriculum incorporated into math, language arts and writing. An all-day "Stack Fest" will also take place in PE classes. Crossroads already has a before-school stacking club that boasts 100 members. The school is also hosting an area Sport Stacking tournament this year.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Evergreen Heights Elementary School

John Ansotigue, PE Teacher

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Projected # of stackers: 250

Kids and cups are an everyday sight at Evergreen Heights Elementary. Stacking goes on everywhere. School counselors use stacking to help students with behavior issues become more focused, music teachers use it as a developmental activity for playing an instrument, 3rd-grade students mentor preschoolers in Sport Stacking, and recess teachers set out tables for Sport Stacking challenges. "Teachers at Evergreen Heights understand the benefits of Sport Stacking and try to get their students involved in stacking as much as possible," said PE teacher John Ansotigue. The school has been featured on TV and in major newspapers for its commitment to Sport Stacking. This is Evergreen Heights second year to be named a Marquee School, and the students are once again excited to be part of this year's Guinness record-setting STACK UP!. It indeed is a special event, but Sport Stacking at Evergreen Heights, that's business as usual.

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

The Willows Academy

Amy Ott, Health Teacher

1012 East Thacker, Des Plaines, IL 60465 Phone #: 847-824-6900

Projected # of stackers: 100

Girls rule at The Willows Academy, and this school is out to name the Ultimate Female Sport Stacker on November 8th. At first, Health Teacher Amy Ott wasn't sure how the students at her all-girls middle school would react to Sport Stacking after she discovered it at the Illinois PE convention. "I was extremely surprised at the response I got from the girls," she said. "They were addicted! Girls came in during their study halls to practice. Those that normally wouldn't excel in other sports were determined to a point I had never seen before. Introverts turned into extroverts." It will be their time to shine on Guinness World Records Day when the whole school faces off to find out which girl will take top stacking honors.

JAPAN

Seisen International School

Erin Tierney, Cathy Jackson, PE Teachers

Projected # of stackers: 230

Another all-girls school will be Sport Stacking on November 8th. Seisen International School which claims a faculty, staff and student body representing 60 countries from around the world has embraced Sport Stacking in a big way. All 230 girls (grades K-12) who attend Seisen are slated to be part of the day's stacking action and will have a huge head start on all US stackers because of the time difference.

OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Coastal Academy

Lesley Clifton, Leadership and Development Coordinator

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Projected # of stackers: 200

Coastal Academy is a kindergarten through 8th-grade charter school that offers a unique approach to education. Its students are home-schooled but are offered a traditional classroom setting twice a week. During this classroom time, Sport Stacking has caught fire. "We started in our first grade class, because we had some low readers and low math scores," said Lesley Clinton, Leadership and Development Coordinator for the school. "We thought this might be a way to encourage growth. Boy, were we right!" The first-grade teacher saw tremendous growth in her students dedicated to Sport Stacking. The school's principal then became a believer and purchased equipment for the whole school to use during lunch, and it's not only the students who look forward to it. "Even the teachers are in to the craze!" said Clinton. On November 8th, there will be Sport Stacking in every classroom, during lunch and on the playground. "Our students enjoy it so much they want us to develop a competitive Sport Stacking club so they can compete. How exciting!"

GERMANY—another interesting international angle:

Germany, which dominates in Sport Stacking overall world records, plans a number of Sport Stacking events for the WSSA STACK UP! One Sport Stacking Instructor, Timo Bohm, is orchestrating STACK UP! activities at 13 separate schools and youth organizations involving nearly 350 stackers. For Burkhard Ruehl, who coaches Team Germany, the WSSA STACK UP! will provide another practice opportunity for his group of world-class stackers based in Butzbach, who took home all overall top stacking honors at the 2007 WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships.