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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*



NEWS FOR THE DAY*

More Time in School Explored... Charter schools and private schools have longer school days than traditional public schools, a new University of Connecticut study has found. The study also found that students in schools with longer days not only get more time in core subjects — particularly math, science and social studies — but also get more exposure in other subjects such as physical education and music.

<http://www.courant.com/news/education/hc-longer-school-day-0629-20110628,0,289658.story?track=rss>

'Techbooks' Replacing Science Textbooks at 8 Rapides Elementary Schools... Eight Rapides Parish schools are replacing their science textbooks with "techbooks" -- digital books created by Discovery Channel that offer interactive lessons, videos and hands-on projects, and are accessible to students anytime, anywhere online. Teachers will be able to use video, encyclopedia articles, images, audio, sound effects, quizzes, games, science simulation exercises and other tools to engage their students.

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20110628/NEWS01/106280323/-Techbooks-replacing-science-textbooks-8-Rapides-elementary-schools?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

Money Matters: The Case for Teaching Financial Literacy... President Obama has made college readiness a major component of his education platform, but is "college readiness" only about being academically prepared? The "MetLife Survey of the American Teacher" recently found that more high school students worry about financing their education than about getting into college or being successful at college.

http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2011/06/29/tln_colucci_finance.html?tkn=TTPFa8S%2ForV5RqE0cTRxeOY4X92UW%2FFhjNIW&cmp=ENL-TU-NEWS1

ED Data Shows Black Students Are More Likely to Have Inexperienced Teachers...

Federal education officials say schools serving mostly black students are more likely to have inexperienced teachers than those largely serving whites, and few school districts have pre-kindergarten programs targeting low-income students. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan says the data shows that too many students are not getting access to classes and opportunities needed to be successful.

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/06/30/us/AP-US-Education-Civil-Rights.html?_r=1

AG Martha Coakley: Schools Should Report Bullying Data... A commission headed by Attorney General Martha Coakley is pressing Massachusetts lawmakers to require all schools to collect and report annual bullying data as part of the state's effort to prevent the harassment of students. The commission is also recommending that schools acknowledge that some categories of students are particularly vulnerable to harassment and that schools should encourage the involvement of parents to stop or resolve incidents of bullying.

http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20110630ag_martha_coakley_schools_should_report_bullying_data/srv=home&position=recent

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

Film Espouses the 'Power' of Writing... <http://www.tobeheard.org/watch.html>

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