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SECTION: FEATURES



May 17 [Times] HOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHERRY-PICK THEIR STUDENTS. In May 2022, an Arizona mom named Karrie got a heartbreaking message from the local public school: Her son Brayden wouldn't be allowed to return as a second-grader in the fall. The reason? Brayden had been diagnosed on the autism spectrum, and the school claimed that it didn't have any more room for kids with disabilities. LINK



May 19 [Raconteur] ARE LOCKDOWN-ERA GRADUATES REALLY STRUGGLING TO ADAPT TO THE WORKPLACE? After months spent revising, socialising and working in isolation during the Covid pandemic, some employers believe recent graduates are missing key skills needed to succeed at work. But the reality is more complex The Covid pandemic disrupted almost every aspect of our lives. Months were spent in lockdown, cutting back on day-to-day interactions both socially and at work. While for many, life has returned to normal, the effects of this disruption are longer lasting. And one group feeling the impact are those who have recently entered the workforce. LINK



May 20 [Forbes] SCHOOL LEADERS WARN AI IS A 'REAL AND PRESENT' DANGER TO EDUCATION. School leaders have warned that AI poses a "real and present" danger to education, leaving teachers "bewildered" by the pace of change. And they have cast doubt on the ability and willingness of both governments and technology companies to regulate the technology effectively to protect the interests and well-being of students. LINK

SECTION: HIGHER EDUCATION



May 15 [Relief Web] BAITULMAAL COMMITS \$250,000 FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN PALESTINE. Baitulmaal, a Dallas -based international humanitarian nonprofit, recently pledged \$250,000 in scholarships and graduation assistance to college students studying at various universities in Palestine to support a brighter future for Palestinians. LINK



May 16 [South China Morning Post] IS CHINA ABOUT TO RAISE FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS?

A team of senior Chinese education experts has urged the government to massively increase university tuition fees for international students so that China can compete with the US and Britain to attract better students and offer better services. LINK



May 20 [The Hill] TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HELP MORE STUDENTS GRADUATE. About 2 million college seniors will graduate this month. Young adults across the country will don academic robes, march two -by-two past their proud, teary families and stand a little taller as they commence into the world of college graduates. But in quadrangles, gyms and auditoriums across the country, fewer chairs will be set up than expected when these students entered college four years ago. LINK

SECTION: CURRICULUM



May 19 [Phys Org] STUDY EXAMINES EDUCATION REFORMS IN WALES. Changes to how schools are assessed and improved professional learning are critical to the success of education reforms in Wales, a study concludes. Researchers at Cardiff University interviewed policymakers and those who hold a strategic role in designing and implementing the Health and Well-being aspects of the Curriculum for Wales, which was rolled out in schools from September, as part of a series of projects to measure its long-term success. LINK



May 19 [Wyoming Public Media] "HOME AWAY FROM HOME:" NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND CULTURAL CENTER WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION. The Native American Education, Research, and Cultural Center (NAERCC) at the University of Wyoming won the National Indigenous Student Support Program Award in 2023. This award is from the Indigenous People's Knowledge Community (IPKC). They award professionals that create or enhance a program that affects Indigenous people's personal development and academic success. LINK

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SECTION: SCHOOL



May 21 [News and Sentenel] EDUCATION: DISCIPLINE STATISTICS SHOW NEED FOR CHANGE. The West Virginia State Board of Education now has concrete data showing our public schools are failing our kids in more ways than just academics. Last week, the group got a look at a detailed report that confirms our policies and procedures for disciplining students are lopsided and detrimental. According to the report, 19% of all students during the 2022 school year were referred for a disciplinary incident. LINK



May 17 [Nature] CHANGES IN EDUCATION LEVELS ACROSS GENERATIONS IN AFRICA ARE LINKED TO RELIGION. Census data from across Africa reveal that religion is a strong predictor of whether a child is likely to complete more or less education than their parents. The analysis calls into question current approaches to closing education gaps. LINK



May 16 [Channel News Asia] SINGAPORE STUDENTS ARE TOP READERS IN THE WORLD, BUT FEWER ENJOY READING THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS: STUDY. Students in Singapore are the top readers in the world, an international study has found. They performed very well in foundational and higher-order reading skills, and can confidently navigate a digital environment, said the Ministry of Education (MOE) on Tuesday (May 16) after the release of the latest Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) results. LINK

The Star

May 16 [The Star] FIND WAYS TO STIMULATE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ANWAR TELLS EDUCATION MINISTRY. The Education Ministry should set up a task force to outline a mechanism on ways to stimulate children's interest in science and technology related subjects, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. He said these subjects are imperative owing that the global pace is moving towards green technology, especially in the automotive field. LINK

SECTION: DIGITAL SKILLS



April 27 [World Bank Blogs] PREPARING GIRLS FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICA: APPROACHES TO EMPOWERMENT THROUGH DIGITAL SKILLS. Akalisa is a 19-year-old student at a teacher training college in Rwanda. During the COVID -19 pandemic lockdowns, Akalisa struggled to access the online lesson materials even when she borrowed her neighbor's smartphone. Now that she is about to enter the job market, she needs to register online get a job and pay for her teacher certification fee using mobile money. LINK

SECTION: EXAMINATION



May 03 [The Mirror] MIND-BENDING GCSE QUESTION THAT STUMPS 92% OF PARENTS AS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR EXAMS. With GCSE time fast approaching, it's emerged that 42 per cent of pupils don't believe their parents could successfully sit their exams, while three out of 10 students claim their parents don't tend to know the answer when asked. If you regularly find yourself scratching your head when your year 11 child shows you their maths homework then you're by no means alone. A question recently set by experts ahead of exam season has left 92 per cent of parents baffled, with just eight per cent daring to attempt the answer. LINK

SECTION: LIFELONG LEARNING



May 18 [Silicon India] HOW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING. It's said that learning starts from the state of childhood. Children expose themself to the environment and start their learning process. Early childhood is the period between a child's birth and the eighth birthday. This is the foundation stage of life where an individual prepares to learn the basics. Therefore it could be understood that the preschool phase is the most important development phase in life. This is the reason the parents focus on the education of their children. LINK

SECTION: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



May 15 [Education Week] STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE BULLISH ON AI'S POTENTIAL FOR EDUCATION. Teens and tweens are often way ahead of their parents in understanding the latest technologies—and artificial intelligence is no different, according to a recent poll from Common Sense Media, a nonprofit that studies the impact of tech on children and youth. More than half—58 percent—of students ages 12 to 18 have used ChatGPT, an AI-powered tool that can answer questions, write an essay on a Shakespearean play, or draft a legal memo that appears remarkably similar to what a human can produce, a Common Sense survey released May 10 found. LINK