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As Obesity Fight Hits Cafeteria, Many Fear a Note From School

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/08/health/08obesity.html?ex=1169614800&en=b5ea07fb1ffebfee&ei=5070>

by Jodi Kantor, *The New York Times*

Along with reporting how well students are doing by giving academic grades, states are reporting how well students are doing with their body weight by giving reports of their body mass indexes (BMIs). Read more . . .

Report slams teacher-education programs

from *eSchool News* staff and wire service reports

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/showStory.cfm?ArticleID=6587>

A new report issued by the Education Schools Project finds that 61 percent of teachers say "their teacher-education training did not prepare them well to cope with the realities of today's classrooms." Read more . . .

For a Boy Stumbling Over Words, a Dog Is the Ideal Reading Partner

by Susan Engel, *The New York Times*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/10/education/10lessons.html?ex=1169614800&en=08860d37c35d2679&ei=5070>

In a school in rural Massachusetts a dog becomes the solution to a young boy's reading problems. Read more . . .

Taking Middle Schoolers Out of the Middle

by Elisa Gootman, *The New York Times*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/22/education/22middle.html?ref=education>

Is the concept of a traditional middle school becoming obsolete? Read more

'It's not just academic skills'

by Martha Woodall, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

<http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/living/education/16507629.htm>

Students in a middle school in Philadelphia get more than academic training; they are training in social emotional matters as well. Read more . . .

Schools + mentors = a perfect match

by Mary Bauer, *Pioneer Press*

<http://www.twincities.com/mld/pioneerpress/news/local/16515963.htm>

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of American are hooking up with local schools to bring volunteers into the classroom. Read more . . .

Pete Seeger among children's book winners

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<http://www.cnn.com/2007/SHOWBIZ/books/01/22/books.newbery.caldecott.ap/index.html>

The National Library Association announces this year's John Newberry and Randolph Caldecott Award Medals to Susan Patron's "The Higher Power of Lucky," and "Flotsam" by David Wiesner. Read more . . .

Pennies For Their Thoughts

by Eileen McNamara

<http://www.theday.com/re.aspx?re=09c57a55-2469-4acf-9426-1b5ab8de9627>

Students in Connecticut learn about estimation skills and the power of giving by placing coins in the belly of "Peter the Pennysaurus." Read more . . .

NASA to focus on educational partnerships

by Corey Murray, *Senior Editor, eSchool News*

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/showStoryts.cfm?ArticleID=6802>

NASA is looking to form more partnerships with schools to promote careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Read more . . .

Gaming advances as a learning tool

From *eSchool News* staff and wire service reports

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/showStory.cfm?ArticleID=6799>

The computer game "Restaurant Empire" comes out of the game room at home and into the classroom to teach middle schoolers the business of running a restaurant. Read more . . .

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