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Education

Useful Facts: weekly email sample

1. **SO, HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?** Total number of home schooled students in the U.S.: 1,508,000. The rate of students being home schooled rises by 7% each year. **The #1 reason parents give for homeschooling?** They feel the child will receive a better education. The second most popular reason is to offer religious or moral instruction. (Source: US Department of Education, StatisticBrain.com)
2. **WHAT YOU ARE IS WHEN YOU SLEEP** - Pennsylvania State University researchers found that people who majored in Management Science & Information Systems or Administration of Justice were more likely to be "evening types," or night owls, while Nutrition majors were more likely to be "morning types," or early birds. **Most sleep deprived? Media majors.** (Source: SLEEP Journal)
3. **WORKIN' IT** - In 2012, the employment rate for young adults whose educational attainment was less than high school was 57 percent for males and 36 percent for females, and the employment rate for young adults whose educational attainment was high school completion was 68 percent for males and 59 percent for females. (Source: National Center for Educational Statistics)
4. **IT TAKES MONEY TO MAKE MONEY** - The average total cost of attendance in 2011-12 for first-time, full-time students living on campus and paying in-state tuition was \$21,000 at public 4-year institutions, **\$41,420 at private nonprofit 4-year institutions**, and \$30,840 at private for-profit 4-year institutions. (Source: National Center for Educational Statistics)
5. **STARTING YOUNG** - From 1980 to 2011, the percentage of 3- to 5-year-olds enrolled in preprimary programs increased from 53 percent to 64 percent. The percentage of these children who attended full-day programs increased from 32 percent to 59 percent during this time period. (Source: National Center for Educational Statistics)

6. **IT'S WHAT YOU KNOW** - Total enrollment in post baccalaureate degree programs increased from 2.2 million students in fall 2000 to 2.8 million in fall 2009, the largest percent increase (33 percent) of any decade since the 1970s. By fall 2011, some **2.9 million students were enrolled in post baccalaureate degree programs**. (Source: National Center for Educational Statistics)

7. **HELP! I NEED FINANCIAL AID, HELP!** From academic years 2006-07 to 2010-11, the percentage of first-time, full-time undergraduate students at 4-year degree-granting institutions receiving any financial aid increased from 75 to 85 percent. (Source: National Center for Educational Statistics)

8. **"WHEN AM I GOING TO NEED THIS IN THE REAL WORLD?"** Although closely related to work success, many young adults report not developing real-world problem-solving skills in school. About half (52%) say they "often" worked on a long-term project that took several classes to complete, and even **fewer say they used what they were learning to develop solutions to a real-world problem** (29%) during their last year of school. (Source: The Gallup Poll)

9. **LEARNING THE ROPES** - Younger adults aged 18 to 22 (37%) are more likely than those aged 23 to 35 (28%) to say they applied what they learned to solve real-world problems during their last year of school. This higher level of real-world problem-solving experience among younger U.S. adults may reflect the recent push in education to incorporate project-based learning into school curriculums. (Source: The Gallup Poll)

10. **STORIES MY MAMA TOLD ME** - Mothers are more likely than fathers to read to their children every day (55% vs. 45%). (Source: Pew Research Center)

11. **WILL YOU READ ME A BEDTIME STORY, PLEASE?** Half of parents of children under age 12 (50%) read to their child every day and an additional 26% do so a few times a week. Those with children under age 6 are especially keen on daily reading with their child: **58% of these parents read with their child every day** and another 26% read multiple times a week with their children. (Source: Pew Research Center)

12. **PUT DOWN THAT TABLET** - More than nine in ten parents of minor children say it is important to them that their children read print books—eighty-one percent say it is "very important," and an additional 13% say it is "somewhat important." When it comes to sharing books or reading with a child, most Americans adults (not just parents) who have read both print and e-books think that **print books are the better option**. (Source: Pew Research Center)

QUOTE:

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." -
- BB King, musician

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