Betty Smith enchanted a generation of readers with ‘A Tree Grows in Brooklyn’ − even as she groused that she hoped Williamsburg would be flattened  
  
   
 Rachel Gordan, University of Florida

No other 20th-century American novel did quite so much to burnish Brooklyn’s reputation. But Smith rarely saw her hometown through rose-colored glasses − and even grew to resent it.

A Texas court ruling on a Black student wearing hair in long locs reflects history of racism in schools  
  
   
 Kenjus T. Watson, American University

A scholar on racism weighs in on a recent court decision that upheld a school’s decision to punish a Black male student for wearing his hair in long locs.

IQ tests: the danger of reading too much into them – and the crucial cognitive skills they don’t measure  
  
   
 Lawrence Whalley, University of Aberdeen

The majority of children who do not take or pass IQ-style entrance exams to private- or grammar schools, will have many qualities not measured on an IQ test. They may also just be late developers.

Learning in two languages: lessons from francophone Africa on what works best  
  
   
 Kaja Jasinska, University of Toronto and Mary-Claire Ball, University of Toronto

Bilingual education can improve learning outcomes but it’s important to consider local context.

A Bronx school district offers lessons in boosting student mental health  
  
   
 Faiza Jamil, Clemson University

Giving students a voice in decision-making helps foster well-being, research has found.

Canada’s entrepreneur shortage is impacting the economy — here’s one way to fix it  
  
   
 Claudia Smith, University of Victoria

A new study reveals that instilling an entrepreneur-possible self — the belief that you can become an entrepreneur — is a critical stepping stone for becoming an entrepreneur.

Why John Dewey’s vision for education and democracy still resonates today  
  
   
 Nicholas Tampio, Fordham University

Educational philosopher John Dewey saw America’s schools as a place for students from different backgrounds to learn from one another.

The war in Gaza is wiping out Palestine’s education and knowledge systems  
  
   
 Chandni Desai, University of Toronto

Scholars say Israel’s destruction of Gaza’s schools, universities and museums are part of an ongoing project to destroy Palestinian people, identity and ideas.

Is Montessori education all it’s cracked up to be? What science says  
  
   
 Alison Demangeon, Université de Lorraine and Youssef Tazouti, Université de Lorraine

Montessori education is as popular as ever. But is the teaching method really more effective than conventional schooling?

Generative AI in the classroom risks further threatening Indigenous inclusion in schools  
  
   
 Tamika Worrell, Macquarie University

Tools such as ChatGPT dominate the conversation around AI in schools. But with teachers looking to meet Indigenous content requirements, using generative AI could do more harm than good.

Students with disabilities often left on the sidelines when it comes to school sports  
  
   
 Megan MacDonald, Oregon State University

Although disabled students are supposed to have equal access to school sports, questions remain about whether they participate at the same rate as their nondisabled peers.

AI can help − and hurt − student creativity  
  
   
 Sabrina Habib, University of South Carolina

A study in which students brainstormed all the uses of a paper clip shows that AI can both enhance and harm the creative process.

Maid author Stephanie Land reveals the ‘constant, crushing’ panic of her hungriest year, but this college memoir is ‘emptier’  
  
   
 Amber Gwynne, The University of Queensland

Stephanie Land’s sequel to her mega-successful debut memoir Maid works as hard as she does – but while its details of low-income single-parent life as a student are valuable, it suffers by comparison.

France’s biggest Muslim school went from accolades to defunding – showing a key paradox in how the country treats Islam  
  
   
 Carol Ferrara, Emerson College; Françoise Lorcerie, Aix-Marseille Université (AMU), and Vincent Geisser, Aix-Marseille Université (AMU)

Some of the measures the French government has taken to fight radicalization can do the opposite, three social scientists argue.

Community-controlled schools create better education outcomes for First Nations students  
  
   
 Samara Hand, UNSW Sydney and Archie Thomas, University of Technology Sydney

Research shows the many benefits of First Nations-led education systems and schooling.

International students cap falsely blames them for Canada’s housing and health-care woes  
  
   
 Leah Hamilton, Mount Royal University and Yvonne Su, York University, Canada

Who’s responsible for the factors that led to the federal government’s recently announced cap on international students, and what are the implications for those directly affected?

Education has a huge role to play in peace and development: 5 essential reads  
  
   
 Natasha Joseph, The Conversation

Education can spur peace and development. Here are five essential reads on the topic.

The cost of school uniforms is a burden on families – is it time for the government to step in?  
  
   
 Johanna Reidy, University of Otago

Uniforms can cost hundreds of dollars. If students are required to wear them, the government should ensure they don’t become a barrier to education.

Emotional problems in young people were rising rapidly even before the pandemic  
  
   
 Rebecca E Anthony, Cardiff University

New research looking at data from 200,000 children in Wales has found a substantial increase in mental health issues.

Should Kenya abolish all school exams? Expert sets out five reasons why they’re still useful  
  
   
 Beatrice M’mboga Akala, University of the Witwatersrand

Examinations help a country measure if its system of education is teaching the skills and knowledge needed to meet development goals.