

Meet the Students

Learning tradition

In 1960, education on the Island expanded to include all grade levels and a new school was built on the shoreline of Lake Huron. Newcomers to the school, the kindergarteners, sitting at the school playground, are (from left, in back) Cheyla Shunk, Gabriel Kromer, Grace Roguska, and Nicholas Davis, (in front) Sadie Johnson, and Xaviar McClintock.

Mackinac goes Hollywood

Below, left: The Island was the setting of two classic big-screen movies, "This Time for Keeps," filmed in 1949, starring Esther Williams, and "Somewhere in Time," 1979, starring Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve. Pictured at the site where the characters in the 1979 film met for the first time are (from left) third graders Christopher Riggs, Emily Modd, and Talon Greenlee.



In Marquette Park

Anticipating their graduation in 2007, Island juniors Kristi Kamphuis and Scott Roguska sit below Fort Mackinac on the top of what used to be a horse watering trough.



A Grand view

Fourth graders sit on one of the world's largest porches, the 660-foot long front porch of Grand Hotel, which was built in 1887. In the summers, the porch is adorned with 2,500 geraniums in 260 planting boxes. Pictured are (from left, in front) Sierra Kompis, Paul Wandrie, and Adrienne Rilenge, Amelia Roe; (back) Hailey Armstrong, Colton Fisher, and Jessica Beaune.

Riding history

At left: Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, the largest horse and buggy livery in the world, was formed by independent livery operators in 1948. The first city carriage license was issued in 1869. Pictured is the third grade class, (from left, in front) Meadow Greenlee, Olivia Chambers, Kyra Kolatski, and Kyle Shunk; (back) Dana Roguska, Mackenzie Bean, and Jacob Chambers.



The beaten path

M-185 is perhaps Michigan's most unusual state highways, as it is the only one where "horseless carriages" are not allowed. Cars were banned in 1896. Encircling the Island's shoreline, the 8.1-mile stretch of road has been a state trunkline since 1933. Pictured on their main mode of transportation are sophomores (from left) Karlena Mosley, Woody Beardsley, Kyle Sweet, Caleb Straight, and Riley Chaffee.

Rock of faith

At left: Jesuit missionaries first visited Mackinac Island in 1641, and religion has influenced the community since. Today, four churches serve residents and visitors. At Little Stone Church, built in 1905, is the sixth grade: (from left, front) Austin Jaruzel, Blake Ruddle, and Caleb Kolatski; (back) Anthony Rickley and Devon