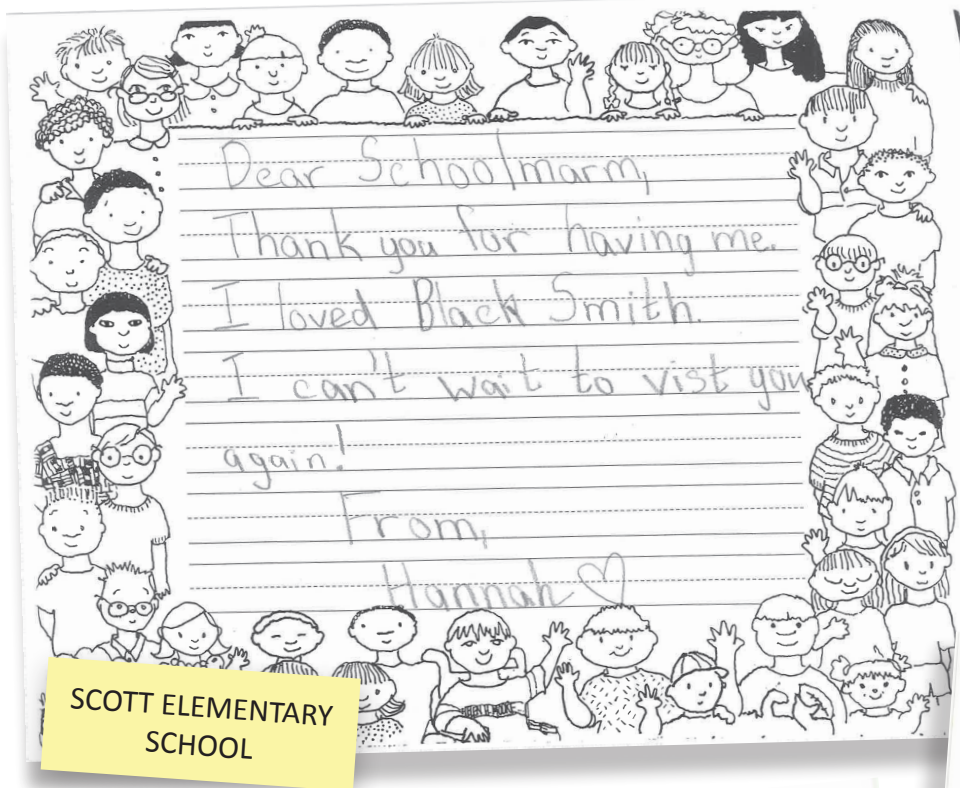


From the Schools

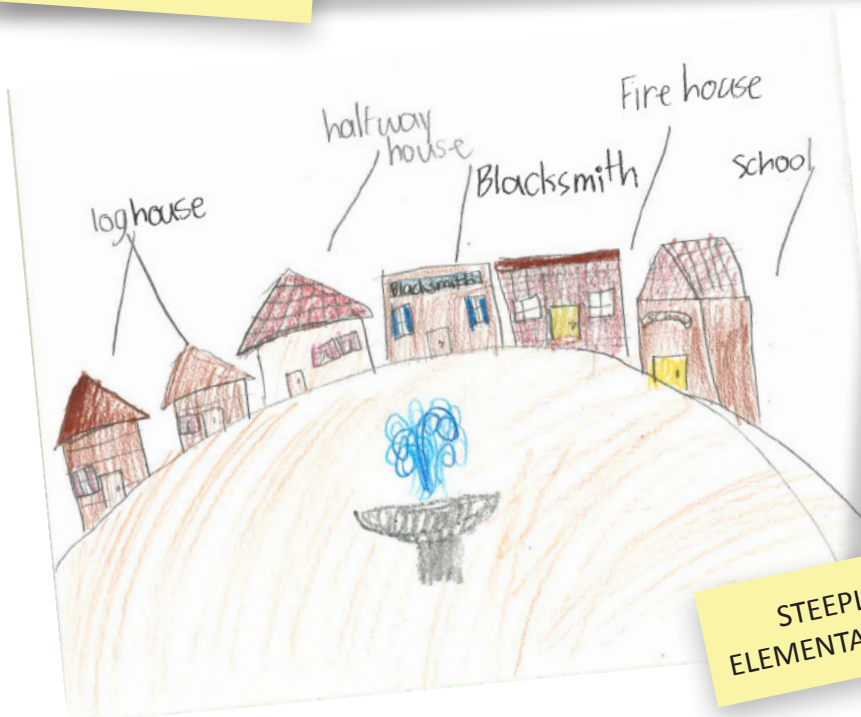
My students really enjoyed our field trip to Naper Settlement! A lot was learned that day. Thank you for your continued dedication to helping our students learn about Naperville's history. It is appreciated!

Elmwood School Second Grade Teacher, class participated in Hunt for History Program

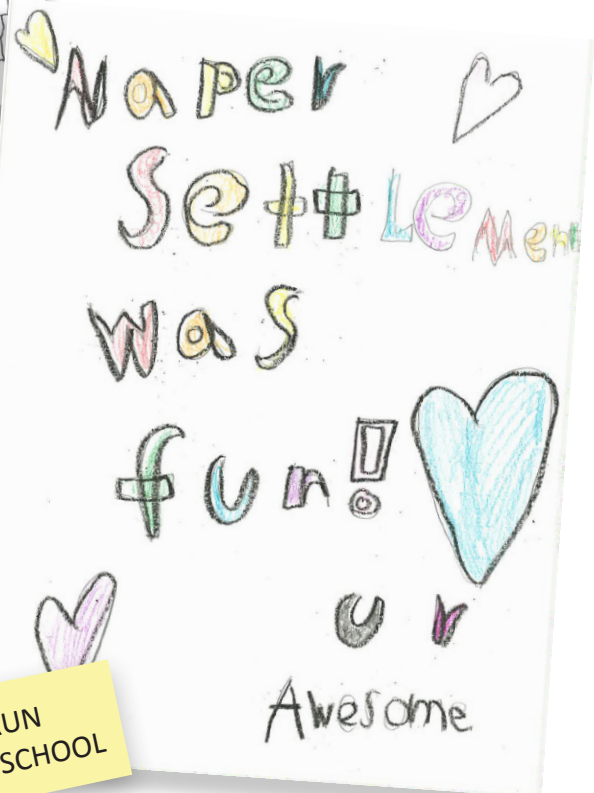


Thank you so much for a wonderful day yesterday! The students had so much fun and learned so much! I appreciate your efforts in working with children from all over to bring history to life.

Teacher, Eureka Middle School, Eureka, Illinois



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From the Community

Our feelings are really sentimental with the thresh-er. As a little kid, I can remember that particular thresh machine and it means an awful lot to our family to have it conserved.”

Wilbert Hageman, Naperville farmer and past president of the Wheatland Plowing Match Association, donors of the Wood Bros. grain thresher, currently being conserved with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“Like my family, tens of thousands of Chinese Americans have settled in Naperville as their home over the past forty some years. While we continue to honor Joseph Naper, the first settler, I am pleased that Naper Settlement recognizes the growth and contributions of a large immigrant population to our city. This exhibit allows our community to share our stories of struggles and triumphs with all residents of Naperville--stories that carry a common thread for all of us who make this great city our home.”

Nancy Chen, featured participant in the upcoming exhibit ME-WE: A Naperville Community Portrait, featuring the work of Wing Young Huie, an Asian Cultural Photographer, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

“My interest has historically been in the sciences, however, being a scientist requires an exorbitant amount of presentation and communication skills. What is the point of finding the cure for an ailment or finding the next best technology if a person cannot explain his or her innovations to the world? What Naper Settlement gave me was the ability to accurately and efficiently convey data and information, in a succinct and understandable way to others, whether that is to classmates in a school presentation or to strangers on the grounds of Naper Settlement.”

Harsha Vankayalapati, Past Teen Volunteer and 2014 Copenhagen Schoolhouse Scholarship Winner



From the Community

“Naper Settlement plays a vital role in collecting and sharing the region’s history, and we are pleased to support the museum in its creation of a visitor’s center that will feature digital exhibitions sharing the personal stories of those who shaped Naperville’s high-tech corridor.” “This project will inspire and educate many from young to old, and will show visitors the impact the community’s tech-based companies had on Chicagoland’s suburbanization, diversity, and educational systems.”

**Tellabs Foundation Executive Director, Carol Gavin,
Major Donor to the Capital Campaign for Innovation Hall**

I wanted to congratulate Naper Settlement on the successful Christkindlmarket. What has most impressed me is the number of people who are parking near the High School, visiting the market, and then walking downtown! Because of the new street light, there is now a steady stream of people making the trip from Naper Settlement to downtown. I see them heading to restaurants, stores, or getting a drink. The downtown is alive with much merry making! I send my heartfelt congratulations for bringing the market to Naper Settlement. The hard work of the staff and volunteers has not gone unnoticed! Keep up the excellent civic work!

Dr. Dennis H. Cremin, Lewis University and Naperville Resident

We had an amazing time! My daughter wants to go back! Just want to let you know that my daughter is still talking about her adventures at the settlement. She really enjoyed herself. We will be going back in the summer to visit. Thank you so much for creating such amazing experiences for the kids and adults.

Spring Fling Bicentennial Day-Scout Parent



From the Community

"It's important to know your history and your place in it—and to appreciate the sacrifices people made to get you where you are today. That's why a place like Naper Settlement is so important."

Louis Freeman, Naperville Resident and first African-American Chief Pilot for a major U.S. air carrier

I've lived in Naperville for decades and until this project, I felt invisible in this community. Thank you so much for doing this.

Participant in the upcoming exhibit *Come As You Are*, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.



The program...is great for children going thru difficult life circumstances. Really appreciate how coping skills are taught so that the children can use these skills now and later in life.

Camp Hope parent of a child participating in Camp Hope, a partnership program between Edward Hospital and Naper Settlement, for children with a family member going through cancer treatment.



From the Community

It adds to the education of our community and provides a great place for learning new things. It a good draw for bringing in other people from other communities to enjoy Naperville.

Survey Respondent, Spring 2018

We want everyone to know we have a gem in our midst which we should not take for granted.

Survey Respondent, Spring 2018

I think Naper Settlement adds so much to our community! I love bringing family and friends here and each year I try to get there a little more often. It offers so many different programs and I especially love Naper Nights. I feel a real sense of pride when I bring people here, especially for their first time. Everyone is always amazed at what a great place it is and we always say how lucky we are to have this in our backyard.

Survey Respondent, Spring 2018

Community is very important to Naperville.

This museum and the activities/functions around it are a huge contribution to the family-friendly atmosphere in Naperville.

The functions are multicultural and open to everyone.

Survey Respondent, Spring 2018

I think that healthy vibrant communities need places like Naper Settlement.

Survey Respondent, Spring 2018



From the Web

#3 in Trip Advisor's "Best Things to Do in Naperville"
Trip Advisor, 2018

Naper Settlement named "20 Best Places to go in Illinois
'Because It's the Bicentennial'"
Chicago Tribune, December 3, 2017

Paw Paw Post Office named "40 local museum treasures
you need to see now"
Chicago Tribune, July 6, 2017

Naper Settlement's historic buildings made the top "25
must-see buildings in Illinois"
USA Today, August 9, 2017

Naper Settlement named "25 Best Things to do in
Naperville"
CrazyTourist.com, 2017

Santa @ the Settlement on the list of "It's the Most
Wonderful Time of the Year: Naperville Round Up"
Naperville Sun, November 23, 2017

Naper Lights made the "Top 6 Holiday Light Displays in
Illinois"
The Herald News, November 30, 2017

All Hallows Eve named "Naperthrill – Seeking out the
Biggest Scares in Haunted Chicagoland"
Naperville Magazine, October 2017

Oktoberfest named "13 Can't-Miss Events in the Suburbs
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Daily Herald, September 13, 2017



History: 20 places to go in Illinois



11 Naper Settlement

(Chicago Tribune)

Get a feel for what life was like pre-indoor plumbing at [Naper Settlement](#), an outdoor history museum whose vintage buildings dot 12 acres in downtown Naperville.

The image shows a two-story white building with a porch, identified as the Paw Paw Post Office - Naper Settlement Museum. The text "Paw Paw Post Office - Naper Settlement Museum" is overlaid on the image. The caption "(Matt Stout / Naper Settlement Museum)" is at the bottom right.

26 Paw Paw Post Office - Naper Settlement Museum

(Matt Stout / Naper Settlement Museum)

In early prairie communities such as the Naper Settlement in present-day Naperville, the post office was a vital spot for entertainment and the exchange of information. Alexander Howard built this first post office in 1833, which was also his home. The Greek Revival building was modified in the 1860s with the wraparound porch and porch windows. The post office drew its name from the grove of paw paw fruit trees outside the home. Naper Settlement aims to transport visitors back to the 19th century via 17 buildings on 12 acres. [Read more.](#)

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