

Museum, village seen through young eyes

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May I introduce you to the museum and pioneer village as it appears through the eyes of some Brookside sixth graders. I wish there was room for more of these notes.

"Dear Mrs. Becker, Thank you for guiding me through the village and the upstairs. I had so much fun. I especially liked the school. I would like to go back to those days and have that kind of school for at least one day. Thank you for being so kind to show us around. I would love to go and show my family where everything is. There were lots of questions that you didn't get a chance to ask. One of my questions were, did all the kids in the school sit by each other or did they sit separately by grade? Sincerely, Jessica Flores".

"Dear Mrs. Becker, Thank you for showing us around. I really enjoyed the jail house. I thought that was really neat but I would hate to empty the bed pan and share my bed with about 2 other people. I would like to live there but first I would like a heater in there. Thanks again, Jessica Maiden".

"Dear Mrs. Becker, My group and I really appreciate what you've done. I personally enjoyed the Village because I learned about what kind of stuff that the people back in those days did for a living. But out of all of the village I enjoyed the school house. I really think that the wooden stick would hurt severely if I got knocked across the knuckles. Well I'm going to stop writing, and thanks again we had a really fun time. Sincerely, Kelly Abrego".

"...Thank you for letting us come to the museum to learn things about the history of Albert Lea. I learned many things, including how crowded it was to live in a home with so many children, how teachers disciplined their students, and how the pastors lived. Things have really changed. Why was there an organ in the school? This was a wonderful trip and I enjoyed it very much. Thanx! Yours truly, Sarah Giebel".

"...I never knew that the phone person stayed up 24 hours to answer the telephone...In the church, I didn't know you had to have males on one side and females on the other. It also has weddings in the church. Your friend, Nicole Claussen".

"...I was fun seeing a real blacksmith shop. It was interesting to learn a lot of new things like where they got their ice from and how the rich and poor people lived back then. Once again, thanks for taking your time to give us a tour. Sincerely, Karis sa Ladlie".

"Dear Mrs. Biesterfeld, Thank you for being our guide at the museum. It was interesting to see all of the different living styles, clothes, houses, tools, etc. of the people here before us. I also like the old dress that were beaded by hand. And the jewelry was very unique. I also enjoyed the music box the music was beautiful. Also thank you for letting me talk on the telephone even though they didn't work. Thanks again! Sincerely Jackie R".

"...On May 3 our class (Ms. Scherer's class) went to your museum. I enjoyed the museum very much, everything was very interesting. My favorite display was the medicine and all its weird tools. The narrow glass bottles holding the tablets were really cool. Some of the tools they used like the ones where they would cut you to get the virus out, I think it would really hurt. The museum was very enjoyable and interesting. Mrs. Biesterfeld was an awesome guide and explained everything very well. Thank you! Sincerely, Matt Ludwig".

"...I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the museum. I forgot my permission slip. I'm sure it as really fun. I'm planning to go with my family this summer. My friends told me about the fainting couch, schools, churches, fire engines, guns, medicine, and the old fashioned toilets... It sounds like a lot of fun. Sincerely, Travis Nelson".

"... I enjoyed the old school house the best. It makes me feel lucky to have the type of school that I have. Mrs. Becker was an excellent guide. This fall if you have the haunted houses again I will come. The last time I came I got scared half to death! Sincerely Philip Wacholz".

"...I also enjoyed the games and sports exhibit because I like games and sports. The wacky mirror was neat too....Sincerely, Justin Robertson"

"...I liked the tools. There is one tool that I have not heard of before, It name is

DOG's It was neat. I looked it up in the dictionary and it read a device for holding or
grapling...Sincerely Nick Wanger"

"...Mr. Adams told us about the teacher and how she was a principal, nurse, and she
taught. He also told us about fold-out cups and how you had to be careful about getting wet
from kids' closing them up. Mr. Adams told us that where his dad went to school they had to
use slates for paper. This summer I am thinking about going back to the museum to look at
the things I didn't get to see. Thank you for letting us come. Sincerely Emily Srock"