Area's 3,200 young athletes make organization a must

By Phil Elverum

When Bill Curran began rounding up the kids for the Junior High School in Naperville in 1970, he was teaching at Naperville Junior High School in Naperville, Illinois. Despite a steady decline in the number of participants, he's been teaching the game ever since.

"We've had a total of five boys participating," Curran said. "And this year we had two boys at Naperville Junior High School. Last year we had no participants." Curran's program is open to anyone interested in playing, regardless of age or skill level.

The program meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Naperville Junior High School. The cost is $25 per child, and the program is open to boys and girls from all over the Naperville area.

In addition to the regular play, there are special events such as a Washington Nationals game and a visit to the White House.

Give a listen

Old Town School provides place for all kinds of music

By Jim O'Keefe

At the Old Town School of Folk Music, students have the chance to explore a wide range of musical styles and traditions. The school offers classes in everything from classical music to world music, and there are opportunities to perform in ensembles and with famous musicians.

The school's goal is to provide a supportive and creative environment where students of all ages can learn and grow. The Old Town School of Folk Music is a non-profit organization that serves the community by offering music education programs for all ages and skill levels.

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