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CRANFORD, NJ - Recently, TAPinto Cranford teamed up with second-graders in Mrs. Oricchio's class at Bloomingdale Avenue School to learn more about the writing process - from drafting to publication.

The students each wrote an opinion piece on a favorite spot in Cranford.

"I liked the idea of doing something in Cranford to get kids excited to try something or someplace new and I liked the community connection," Oricchio said. "I also liked that kids picked from all different kinds of businesses and organizations because it allowed them to pick something they had experience with and were passionate about."

They each had to introduce the topic, state an opinion, supply reasons that support their opinion, use linking words, connect their opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.

The student writers also had a chance to explain their piece and hear feedback from their teacher and a professional editor before making decisions about their final piece. Each piece in the series has been edited for formatting, but otherwise remains the same.

Take a look at what these kid writers had to say about some of their favorite Cranford places!

Roosevelt Park

By Chloe

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OPINION - Hi, how are you? My name is Chloe. I love the park. That's why I'm going to tell you about Roosevelt Park today! Here are some facts about Roosevelt Park. There used to be a school on the land of the park from 1928 to 2010, says the statement on the plaque on the wall of the community center. There is a fireplace from a kindergarten room from that school in the community center. According to the plaque on the rock, it was named after 26th president, Teddy Roosevelt. There's a monarch butterfly garden because they're endangered! They planted milkweed wildflowers. There are four disc golf holes that people can play.

I believe that Roosevelt Park is a thrilling place because you can spend time with your friends. In other words, you can have a play date. You can also do a challenge on the equipment. In fact, you can go on the spinner with one leg in the air! The last reason you should go there is so you can try new things. For instance, you can learn how to do the swings! All in all, Roosevelt Park is a thrilling place.

People ages 1 to 18 would enjoy going there. The best time to go there is on a sunny day! If you don't live in downtown Cranford take a bike there or ride a car and if you live in a different town, do that too! If you live nearby, walk. I think you'll have an amazing time! Please will you go?!

Community Center

By Phoebe

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OPINION - Hi my name is phoebe (f-e-be). And I want to tell you about C.C.C/ Cranford community center.

According to the brochure you can do these activities art, theater, dance, and much more. You can sign up for an activity so you won't be bored every day after school. They also offer playground camps and it is fun! And one more thing, are you a fish fan? Well at C.C.C. There is a very small fish pond. The fish are yellow, orange, white, and maybe even gold!

In my opinion I believe that c.c.c is the best place to relax. C.c.c Is the best place to relax because there is a room that has couches and a TV

For example If you had a hard time at work you can stop by and chill out here. My next reason is that you can chill out in the library, take a book, and chill out. For example You can have quiet time in a different place.

All in all that is why I believe C.C.C is the best place to relax.

I recommend C.C.C to no pets and Cranford members from ages 3-202!

You should go here from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can walk downtown, drive downtown to get to the Cranford Community Center. When you go to Cranford Community Center you should think about what you can do there.

Orange Avenue Pool

By Abby

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OPINION - What has fun, water, and lounge chairs? It's Orange Avenue Pool! The pool has a lot to know about. If you want to know more about the pool, then you should stop, drop, and read!

At Orange Avenue Pool, there is a shallow end and it gets deeper until you see the waterslides and the bouncy diving board. If you were wondering, the director's name is Steve Robertazzi.

In my opinion, Orange Avenue pool is a super fun place to swim at. There are 2 water slides that have water flowing down them which makes them go fast. If you don't have anywhere to go or you're not going on vacation, you should go to the amazing pool. There is a splash pad that kids can use during adult swim time. When it's really hot out, you should go there to cool off.

I recommend this place to anyone who likes to swim! So just maybe go there now, as in right now! You don't miss out on the fun.