



# Blue Door News



January 2018

## Student Spotlight



Janiyah T.

Janiyah is a 4th grader who has been attending the Boys & Girls Club for several years. She says that the Club means a lot to her because of her friends here; they "have contests and talk about stuff." In September, Janiyah was Youth of the Month for her positive contributions to the Club. At school, her favorite subject to learn about is math because she hopes to someday become an accountant.

One of her favorite activities that she's done at the Club recently was a Jeopardy game that allowed her to show off her musical knowledge by answering a question about Beyonce! Even though she can't come every day in the summer because of All Star Cheerleading Competitions, she is looking forward to field trips and more fun activities.

## Open House!

January 31, 2018  
4:00-6:00 PM

808 East Pettigrew St.  
Durham, NC 27701

All are invited to come tour the Club, meet Club members, and enjoy some light refreshments.

## Inside the Club

### STEM Fridays

This year, we've taken educational STEM programming to another level! Sponsored by Duke Energy, every Friday Club members are introduced to a new STEM topic through an engaging and fun activity. Some projects they've taken on are making volcanoes out of clay, baking soda, and vinegar, following recipe measurements to bake cookies, and making their own bouncy balls. The staff facilitate these projects- creating activities that follow STEM lesson plans and entertain their students.

According to Program Director Regina Lindsay, Club members love the activities because they go beyond what they do in school. A lot of the experiments show them things they've never seen before, and then they are able to apply aspects of STEM to their everyday lives.



Experiment with soda and mentos



Building bridges to see which structures can hold the most

## Gym Time



Our Club kids have been participating in yoga and fitness classes, developing strength and focusing skills. We have been working on implementing elements of self-defense into our lessons, because we realize this is an important skill for youth to develop. Instructors make these classes fun and age-appropriate so everyone has a great time. In February, we will be offering Champion Yoga, which is more advanced and will allow interested members to continue to improve their skills. We are thankful for those who make our amazing yoga program possible, including Live Globally, Duke Health, Forest at Duke, and Merck.



## Upcoming Fundraising Events



### Cook For a Cause

*March 8, 2018*

*6:00-9:00 PM*

In this exciting fundraiser event, four corporate teams "compete" against each other to create a four-course meal. Although it takes place at the world-renowned C'est si Bon! Cooking School in Chapel Hill, no cooking experience is required and teams are judged on teamwork, creativity, and taste! Your company can support a great cause and enjoy a little friendly competition.

If you are interested, please contact Benay Hicks at [bhicks@bgcdoc.org](mailto:bhicks@bgcdoc.org) or 919-687--4517, ext 22 before it sells out! Full event details can be found [here](#).



### Bull City Golf Classic Fore Kids

*Save the Date!*

*May 21, 2018*

Save the date for this year's Bull City Golf Classic! The golf and dinner event will be held May 21st at the Hope Valley Country Club in Durham. Registration for the 2018 tournament opens in February.

Visit the event's [official website](#) to register and find sponsorship information.

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