



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE OZARKS**

BGCO TO GO

A DAY OF BGCO

AT HOME

Ages 6-9

Thursday

Parents/Guardians:

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks: COVID-19 Update

BRANSON – The Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks (BGCO) is committed to the safety and protection of our members, their families, and Club staff. Club Officials are doing everything possible to keep our Club protected from the spread of COVID-19.

With reports coming in from the Taney County Health Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and area Public Schools, BGCO Officials has made the difficult decision to close BGCO Club units beginning at 4:00PM on March 18, 2020. BGCO Club Units include Branson and Forsyth Club Units. The Reeds Spring Unit – operating out of the school district, has already closed. BGCO Club Units will remain closed until April 6, 2020 in conjunction with area schools unless circumstances should change. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

While we are face-to-face with lots of uncertainty and evolving information regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), one thing remains the same, Our Mission – to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

“Our number one priority is the safety of our children and staff,” said Stoney Hays, CEO. “We did not make this decision lightly as we know that our members and their families are continuing to navigate life, some without employment, many without basic resources, and we are concerned for the well-being of our kids, their families, and our community. We will continue to investigate and offer resources for our members throughout this ordeal.”

The Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks is committed to meet the needs of our members resulting from a potential prolonged school closure. We are investigating ways to assist Club members and families with services during our closure to include: Virtual Club Programming, Curbside Healthy Meals, and Age Appropriate High-Yield Learning Packets, to name a few. More information regarding these additional services for our members will soon follow.

Club Officials will continue to closely monitor reports from the Taney County Health Department and the CDC and we will continue to update our members and the community at-large with any new information that will affect service to members.

Before you start your activities think of this quote from Denzel Washington:



THURSDAY

3/26/2020

6-9 years old





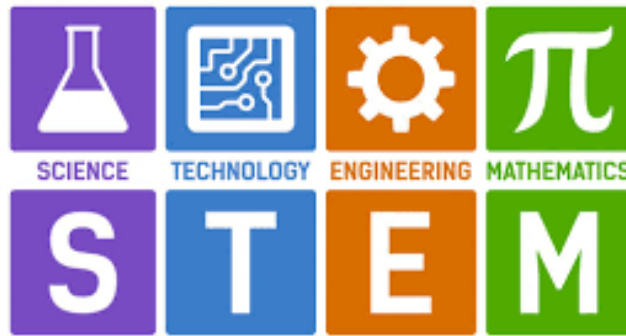
Hey All, tomorrow is FRIDAY!!

Today we are going to take a virtual field trip to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the end of your “trip” draw a picture of your favorite sea creature and list one fun fact about that creature.

Check out the link below and enjoy your trip!

<https://aqua.org/media/virtualtours/baltimore/index.html>



How Strong Are YOU?

Do you think you're tough? No matter whether you've got the strength of an Olympic wrestler or the weakness of a banana skin, you probably think you have enough strength to crumple a piece of paper.

Here's an experiment that shows how crumpling paper is not always as easy as it seems.

What you'll need:

1. Five full sheets of newspaper

What you do:

1. Hold your arm out straight and hold one piece of newspaper in just one hand. If you're right-handed, use your left hand. If you're left-handed, use your right hand.
2. Now, crumple up the paper into a tiny ball, using just one hand.
3. Do it again with the next piece of paper, and until you've crumpled up all five pieces of newspaper.
4. What do you notice?

What's Happening?

Is your arm tired? We don't use those muscles in our arms to do hard crumpling jobs very often so your crumpling muscles tire out quickly. If

you practice crumpling newspapers like that, your whole arm will grow stronger. Just buy a newspaper, read it, and then crumple it up! You'll get smarter and stronger. It's newspaper, so when you're done, it's easy to recycle.



We are ALL Special!

Everyone is special and unique in his or her own way. Take a moment to journal. All you need is a piece of paper or a notebook and a pencil to get started.

Journal Topic:

- **3 good things about me are...**
- **What makes me special...**
- **What brings me joy...**
- **My best qualities are...**

Take a moment to create your own mood meter showing how today's activities made you feel.

