



Marshall County Museum Kites-A-Flying!

Read:

I'm measured on a special type of scale, but I don't weigh anything.
I can't be seen, but I'm not the Invisible Man.
I can whistle, but I have no mouth.
I can knock down trees, but I'm not a lumberjack.
I help you fly a kite, but I'm not a piece of string.
I blow, but I'm not someone playing the trumpet.

What am I?*

Spring is a time of year when the days get warmer and longer, and there can be some very windy days. And windy days are a great time to make and fly a kite. The body of a box kite can catch the wind inside, causing it to rise above your head and fly from side to side.

Sometimes it takes a little practice to keep a kite flying, but if you watch the streamers (or tail), you can tell which way the wind is blowing. That will help you make decisions about which direction to aim your kite. Do you think you should run against the wind or with the wind to keep your kite flying? Try it both ways and see what you think. Talk to an adult about what you learned.

Do:

Make a kite out of a paper bag to fly on a windy day:

1. Cut the rectangular bottom out of any size paper bag.
2. Decorate the bag by coloring designs, patterns and pictures. If you have stickers, you can add them too.
3. Cut crepe paper streamers or ribbon in different lengths and tape them securely to the inside on the bottom end of your bag.
4. Cut string or yarn in a very long length. This is what you will hold when you fly your kite. Tape the string securely to the inside of the top end of your bag (on the opposite end from the streamers/ribbons).
5. Take your kite outside on a breezy day, hold tightly to the string end and run.
6. Your kite will fill with air and fly behind you.

Share:

Post pictures of your kite and you flying your kite on social media with the hashtag #MCMuseumFromHome.

* The WIND!

Approximate Time:
30-45 minutes

Materials:

- Coloring supplies
- Paper bag (any size)
- Crepe paper streamers or ribbon
- Tape
- String or yarn
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)

