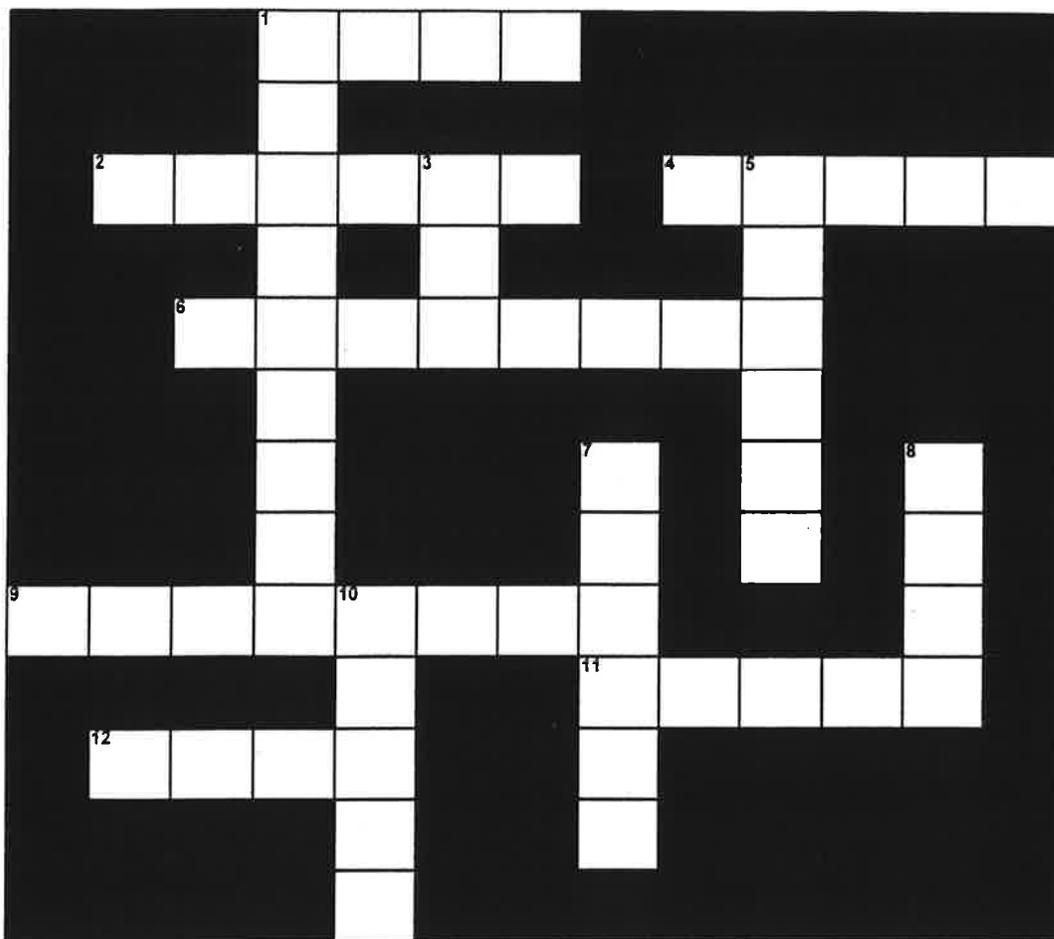


# CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY!



## ACROSS

1. What most houses are made of
2. Arbor Day is the last \_\_\_\_\_ in April.
4. On Arbor Day, \_\_\_\_\_ a tree!
6. State where 1st Arbor Day was held
9. A person who takes care of forests
11. Main stem of a tree.
12. "Arbor" is the Latin word for \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. Idaho's state tree
3. Trees help us breathe clean \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ collect sunlight and make tree food.
7. Father of Arbor Day
8. Protects tree. (Dogs know this word!)
10. Trees start growing from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Celebrate*  
**ARBOR DAY**



# The Roots of Arbor Day

"Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future." J. Sterling Morton

Arbor Day was the idea of J. Sterling Morton. In 1872 Morton helped start a new holiday in Nebraska dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship. It's estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted on the first Arbor Day. Morton's idea quickly spread. Arbor Day is now celebrated in all 50 states and many countries. Actual dates of the event vary depending on planting times. Idaho celebrates Arbor Day the last Friday of April each year, the same date as National Arbor Day.

## SPELL IT OUT!

### Ideas for observing ARBOR DAY

- A**pplaud trees for all the benefits they provide. Make a class list of all the ways trees help us and other living things. Which class can make the longest list?
- R**ead a book about trees. Then share it with someone else.
- B**e a tree friend. Visit the trees in your school yard. Do any show signs of damage? How can your class help them be healthy and happy?
- O**rganize a trip to a forest, sawmill, nursery or arboretum.
- R**esearch the history of Arbor Day. How does Morton's message of stewardship relate to us today?
- D**esignate the month of April to studying trees. Do tree math, learn about trees of other cultures throughout history, study the science of how trees grow, learn about careers involving trees, sing about trees, create tree art!
- A**rrange for a forester to visit with your class.
- Y**ou and your class can make a difference! Plant a tree and take especially good care of it.

