


National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates according to their best tree-planting times. To find out when your state celebrates Arbor Day, go to arborday.org.

## Trees are Terrific!

On Arbor Day, people celebrate by planting trees. Why?
According to The National Arbor Day Foundation, there are many reasons to plant and care for trees.

1. Trees help clean the air!
2. Trees bring songbirds.
3. Trees make your neighborhood more beautiful.
4. Trees save energy by shading houses in the summer and blocking cold winter winds.

Can you think of some more reasons to plant trees?


## Planting Plan



Tammy wants to plant five trees in order of height. Use the clues below to list the trees in order from tallest to shortest.

- The oak tree is 68 inches tall.
- The maple is 5 inches shorter than the birch.
- The cherry is the shortest at 40 inches.
- The birch is 8 inches shorter than the oak tree.
- The magnolia is 10 inches taller than the cherry.

How many maple leaves do you see?


Which of these leaves appears most on these pages?


## What is the People's Choice for America's National Tree?

The Arbor Day Foundation asked people to vote for the tree they thought should be America's national tree.
More than 400,000 responded to their poll.

Here are leaves and needles from the five trees that got the most votes. Add the numbers above the leaf or needles of each tree. The one that adds up to an even number is the people's choice for America's National Tree.

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3 Kial Scoop Together: Tree-Vial Pursuit

## Draw your favorite tree here:

Answer each Tree-vial Pursuit question.

What color do the leaves of most maple trees turn in the fall?
A. black and blue
B. brown
C. red, yellow and orange


Magnolia trees are famous for:
A. big, beautiful flowers
B. little stinky flowers
C. pink leaves

The shagbark hickory is named for its shaggy:
A. fruit
B. leaves
C. bark


What do people traditionally plant on Arbor Day?
A. potatoes
B. trees
C. eggs

The ideas for Tree-vial Pursuit are adapted from the arborday.org website.


## Seeds of Change

Look through the newspaper for ideas and inventions that have made big changes in people's lives. Describe the idea and explain what changes it caused.



## Squirrel Spotting

Sam is looking for squirrels. On Sunday he spotted 3 squirrels. Each day since then, the number of squirrels he has spotted has doubled. In which week and on what day of the week will Sam spot more than 1,000 squirrels?


Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.


Do people really need trees? Write an opinion piece expressing your opinion about this.
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## Trees are Terrific

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories that show why trees are terrific. Write a letter to the editor using the information you find in the newspaper to support your opinion.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write formal letters and persuasive compositions.


## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.
MAGNOLIA
NATIONAL SHORTEST HICKORY
FLOWERS
DOGWOOD
GLANCE STINKY
ENERGY
ARBOR TREES
MAPLE
BARK
DAY
OAK

