

# James Irwin Charter High School **APRIL NEWSLETTER**



## **BE LIKE A TREE** a reflection from the principal

Arbor Day is April 26th this year. The idea of Arbor Day sprouted from the mind of a zealous tree lover named Julius Sterling Morton, who had a passion for planting all kinds of trees. He married his wife, Caroline, in Detroit in October of 1854 and headed west to settle 160 acres of treeless land in Nebraska Territory. He planted thousands of trees and fruit trees on his ranch and encouraged others in his prairie state to plant a variety of trees and crops. He served as the Secretary of Agriculture under President Grover Cleveland.

Trees are beneficial to humanity in many ways. They remove particulate matter which is a form of air pollution dangerous to our lungs. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb carbon dioxide. Trees support wildlife, clean our air and water, cool the earth, and help reduce our stress when we take a quiet stroll beneath their shade.

Why not learn a lesson from the trees:

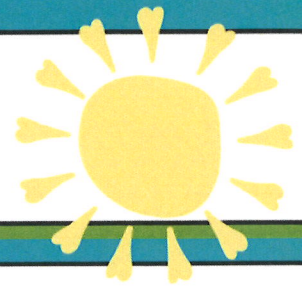
- Stay grounded
- Connect with your roots
- Turn over a new leaf
- Bend before your break
- Be a shelter to everyone
- Grant fruits to all
- And keep growing!



On Arbor Day this year, why not plant a tree or at least take a walk with your family among them.



# APRIL TESTING REMINDERS



## CMAS

**Who:** All 11th grade students

**What:** CMAS Science Test

**When:** Friday, April 12th

Testing begins at 7:45 and students will be released after the test (estimated end time @ noon)

**Where:** The HS field house

## Monday, April 15th

- **12th and 9th grade students do not attend school -- stay home**
- **10th grade students -- PSAT 10 testing**
  - arrive at 7:45
  - released to **go home at 11:00 am**
- **11th grade students -- PSAT testing**
  - **arrive at 11:15am**
  - released to go home at 3:00pm
- Please contact the front office with any questions.

## PSAT 9

- 9th grade students will take their PSAT exams in shifts during the regular school days on **Tuesday, April 16th.**
- 9th grade students will attend their regularly scheduled classes when they are not in testing.





# APRIL EVENTS



## Prom

11th and 12th grade JI students are invited to Prom at the Double Tree Hotel by the World Arena. Friday, April 19th, the dance starts at 7pm and ends at 11pm. See p. 48 in the handbook for dress code reminders.

## No School

- April 19th -- staff day (no students)
- April 22nd -- no school



## Awards Ceremony

- Friday, April 26th @ noon in the high school field house
- We will send a communication through IC if your child is receiving an award. Please check your communication preferences and make sure your info is up to date.
- All parents are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 11:45

## Other

- Board Meeting -- Tuesday, April 23rd @ 6pm
- Improv Team Night -- Friday, April 26th @ 6:30. Doors open at 6:00 pm and tickets are \$5

## Spirit Week -- April 8th -- 12th

- Monday -- Pajama Day
- Tuesday -- Character Day
- Wednesday -- Jersey Day
- Thursday -- Disney Day
- Friday -- Decade Day
- Flyers are posted around the school to remind students of each day's theme.