



To Crush or to be Crushed

Students recall their memorable first crush story that is not always romantic but usually sweet.

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Your palms are sweating and your heart is beating fast; these are the classic symptoms of first crushes. Although first crushes aren't always sweet, they're always memorable.

Sophomore Dymon McKoy's story is the perfect example of a friendly first crush.

"My first crush was in elementary school, like 5th grade," said Dymon. "It was my first day of school at LE, and I saw this pretty girl and asked her what her name was. She said her name was Jasmine, and I talked to her all the time."

It might not have been filled with romance, but it was definitely adorable.

"After I asked her name we kind of just talked," Dymon said. "Then we hung out at recess, and every day when I saw her I'd give her notes. I also got her a teddy bear for Valentine's Day that year."

Another student, sophomore Wes Humphrey, had a cute first crush as well, only his was based on sticks of colored wax.

"It was in kindergarten and I ran out of crayons," said Wes. "She shared hers with me, and I had a crush on her for two years after that, up until I realized that it was dumb 'cause I only liked her for crayons."

Even though it wasn't anything serious, it sure felt like it in kindergarten.

But not all first crushes are as sweet as these. They can sometimes lead to heartbreak.

"I had a girlfriend in kindergarten," said sophomore Ryan Lawing. "All of her friends told her to break up with me and when she actually did, I got super mad."

But no matter what your first crush was like, chances are you'll remember it for the rest of your life.

Achy Breaky Heart



Teachers had lives before they became teachers... We think. Here's their war stories from their funniest break-up experiences.



"I was broken up with once, a couple years ago. Only I found out about two months later on Facebook when she posted a picture of her with another guy. "

-Mr. Tim Baldwin



"This one time, I was dating this one guy, and all our friends, were like, 'No, don't do it! First of all, he's a terrible person, and second of all, he's got a girlfriend!' But he told me he didn't have a girlfriend, and then invited me to an intramural softball game, where I sat next to his girlfriend. And she was like, 'Go, Trent, I love you! Go, honey, you'll do great!' And then I was like, 'Oh God, okay this is bad.'"

-Ms. Leslie Abston



"I went to a homecoming dance one time with a girl I knew around, but not like romatically, and she would *not* look at me. The entire time I was like 'Hey, look I'm up here!' I ended up saying this is not going to work out. By the end of the night, she was with another guy and I was with another girl. It was like there was no chemistry."

-Coach Jason Boston



"I don't have any good break-up stories because every time I break up with someone it ends up in court."

-Mr. Tony Kirk



One of the staples of Valentines Day is candy, and one of the most popular treats is the candy hearts with different sweet sayings.

If you could make a candy heart, what would it say?

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| "Help, too many sweets!"
- David Mejia (10) | "Sorry you're lonely..."
- Anna-Blair Lawrence (10) |
| "You could only have a girl in your dreams"
- Love Lynx (9) | "Be the key to their success"
- Tevrin Jackson(10) |
| "I would say this is corny, but it's candy."
- Derrel Odom (11) | "Your face is less horrible than everyone else's."
- Ashton Raney (10) |

How I Met Your Mother

(Pleasant Grove edition)

"My mother was a police officer and my step-dad was a locksmith, and my mom had to call my dad because there was a kid locked in a vehicle, and then they met up at different places because they were both always on the go."

- Tori Bean (10)

"My parents met at a birthday party years ago. My dad started talking to my mom, worked up a conversation. Y'know how it goes."

- Tahler Hill (11)

"My dad came into 11th grade, he'd been working out all summer, he looked super ripped. My mom and him got together and they were high school sweethearts until I was born."

- Blake Bruce (10)

"My mom went to a rodeo and my dad was riding a bull in it. They had a dance afterwards, and that's where they met."

- Rachel Johnson(10)

"My Grandpa was working at a radio station and the girl said something wrong, and he corrected her. Then she got an attitude and came up to him and they fought. They met again in college, where they got really close and got married."

- Dymon McKoy (10)

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