

For Your Information

Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

I really like this boy in my 6th grade class. The problem is that he doesn't know that I'm alive. How can I get him to notice me without making him think that I am chasing him? I'm afraid to tell my friends that I like him because they'll tell him and embarrass me. What should I do?

Signed
Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassed,

Before you can do anything you need to get this boy to notice you. You can simply do this by starting a conversation with him. Maybe if he is sitting alone, that is the best time to talk to him. If you are able to make friends with him then you should go for it and ask him out. Remember, the worse thing that can happen is he can say no, but it's worth trying.

Another thing, if you can't trust your friends with secrets, maybe they are not your true friends. Real friends are people who you can trust with your biggest secrets, and they should be able to trust you with theirs. So, maybe you should have a talk with your friends also.

Dear Abby,

There is a smart girl in my class who I like. But I am a very bad student and I get bad grades. How can I get a smart girl to notice a stupid student like me?

Signed,
Dumb Boy

Dear Dumb Boy,

I think the first step is to try to be a good student. Study and do the work assigned. Then be nice to this girl. Talk to her about nice things. Find out her interests and tell her yours. Just don't blab on and on about yourself. Let her talk about herself. I hope this helps!

Dear Abby,

It was me and my four friends. We were best friends for life, especially, me and another one of them. Then two of them got mad at me and now I'm trying to get through with none of my old friends. What should I do to make new friends?

-Depressed and Destroyed

Depressed and Destroyed,

You have to decide, do you want to make new friends or get your old friends back. If you want to make new friends go to some of the people you might want to be friends with and ask them about their likes and dislikes. Then, tell them your likes and dislikes. Maybe, hang out with them and invite them over to your house. Hopefully, they'll get the point and you'll have new friends. If you want your old friends back go talk to them and ask why they got mad at you. One of these solutions should work.

Good Luck!!!!

Survey

by *Adria Saracino*

Here are the answers to the survey taken early in the year! Thank you to all the people that participated. Keep your eyes peeled for the survey in the next Ripples issue!

QUESTION:

If you were really stressed or feeling down, what would you do to cheer yourself up?

ANSWERS:

- "If I were depressed, I would go out and play basketball and talk to someone."
- "I would probably play with a friend or go to the movies. I enjoy doing that because my friends make me feel good when I am down. I might even play some games and something that is fun also."
- "Talk to my mom."
- "To cheer myself up if I was feeling down in the dumps, I would hang out with my friends and go to the mall or the movies."
- "I would buy a bag of lollies and eat them all. I wouldn't share it with anyone because they're all meanies. Then I'd take a bubble bath because I love bubbles! Then I'd chew lots and lots of gum, so I could blow the biggest bubble ever. That's what I would do."