

PUCKER UP

Valentine's Day is tomorrow, Feb. 14. Defined as "a touch with the lips as a sign of love," kisses are common on this lovely day. But, there's a lot more about kissing than you may think.

DID YOU KNOW?

A typical French kiss moves 29 facial muscles

The world's longest kiss lasted 30 hours 59 minutes 27 seconds

only 5% of bacteria from kissing is dangerous

66% of people close their eyes while kissing

One minute of passionate kissing burns 6.4 calories

DISASTER DATES

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The blind date, "no-show," the struggle of making conversation, the anguish of what seems to be an eternity of awkward silence.

Unfortunately, the "date disaster" is an inevitable part of so many high school students' existences.

Been there, done that and will probably be there again before one's dating days come to an end. And, since misery loves company, let's take a bit of comfort in the misery of our peers.

For Abbey Parker, human biology was determined to give her a disastrous moment to remember.

"We went to see the new *Hunger Games* last year, and we were in a really intense part of the movie where the president was talking and I had to fart," Parker said.

Unfortunately, her situation went as badly as it could have.

"I thought that it was going to be a silent one, so I let it out and all [I heard] was this super loud fart. The theater was silent. My date looked over at me and he said, 'Was that you?' I said 'no.' He looked at me and said I was a liar. He definitely knew," Parker said.

She was horrified.

"I left that night crying. It was only our second date together. I don't even fart anymore because of it. I'm traumatized," Parker said.

Junior Tayler Dent has had a rather upsetting date experience as well.

"I was with my friend and we couldn't drive yet so we got dropped off at the bowling alley by our moms," Dent said.

Dent was supposed to meet a date at the bowling alley, but he was MIA.

"My date was supposed to meet me there, but he never showed up. We stood outside trying to call him and it was 10 degrees out. He finally called and he was really upset because he fell asleep making his March Madness bracket," Dent said.

Fortunately, a "dating disaster" moment doesn't have to mean the end of a relationship.

In some cases, there can be light at the end of the tunnel.

Take the case of Activities Director Steve Berry.

"I was teaching at another building, and a teacher from that building was throwing a party for his wife at a club house in their apartment complex," Berry said.

Berry, who was invited to the party, was allowed a plus one. He decided to ask the manager of the apartment complex to attend. The party was pajama-themed.

"I went to pick her up in my long, red, flannel pajamas with the black flap. We drove to the place, got there and no one was there. I was a month early. So here I was, on the first date, in pajamas, a month early. We left and went to a drive-thru because it was too late to go eat anywhere," Berry said.

Despite Berry's horrific first date, he and his date went to the pajama party on the actual date.

We went to that same pajama party on time. It ended up to be the perfect way to secure a second date with her. And now 26 years later we're still married," he said.

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