

Valentine's Day still special for local kids

By KATE GILDERDALE
Valentine's Day is still a special occasion for most children, according to a recent survey by the Tribune.

Asked if he had a special girlfriend he'd be sending a card to, 10-year-old Ian said, "no way, I hate girls." But he's going to send Valentines to all his classmates. "I always do every year." A keen artist, he plans to make his own this year.

Eight-year-old Karen especially enjoys Valentine's Day. "I send cards to most of the people in my class. Sometimes I have friends over and have a small party. But there's no one special I'd like to get a card from."

Stephanie, whose sixth birthday is on Feb. 13, says her favorite part of the day is getting lots of cards. "We have a party for my birthday the day before. When it's my birthday we have just one day to wait for Valentine's Day. I really like it, but I don't have a boyfriend."

"I say it's nice and it's the time to get Valentine cards, states 11-year-old Matthew. "I send them to everyone in my class, but there's no one special I want to send a card to. Sometimes if you have a girl you like, you can find out if she likes you because she sends you a card."

Seven-year-old Andrew thinks it's fun. "You give cards away and stuff like that." The special person he sends a card to is his best friend Jeremy. "I like the party at school too," he says.

Nine-year-old Amy sends cards to all her friends at school. "I have a special boy I would like to send a card to. I don't think he'll send me one." She enjoys receiving

cards and having a party at school.

Although she can't really remember what Valentine's Day is like, four-year-old Gemma is looking forward to this one. "We just bought some cards," she explains, with some prompting from her mother. "They've got Popples on them."

Eight-year-old Elizabeth's favorite thing about Valentine's Day is the school party.

"I do have a special boyfriend, but I don't think he'll send me a card. I like the candies you get on Valentine's Day."

Asked if she has a special person she likes to send a card to,

eight-year-old Laura answers, "my Mom and Dad. I send cards to all my class. I get lots of cards back too and we have a party."

"I'm looking forward to Valentine's Day," says four-year-old Angie with a smile. "Last time Mommy made a row of hearts, coming down the staircase and there were candies at the end of it. I think that will happen this year."

Jemma, 6, doesn't know what she likes best. "I like sending cards, I make them myself."

She has a boyfriend she says. "I'm going to send him a card and I think he'll send me one too."

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