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Stealing Your Heart —Activity
This is a great game to play around Valentines Day or for Battle of the Sexes.

Ingredients: Construction Paper, Yarn, Scissors, Hole Punch, Heart Stencil Object of the Game: to collect as many hearts as possible for before the deadline.

At the beginning of the school day each student in the school gets a heart necklace according to gender (i.e. boys get a blue heart, girls get a pink heart). Once a student has a heart he/she may not speak to the opposite gender. If a student speaks to the other gender that student may take his/her heart (if the speaker has more than one heart the student gets all their hearts). Once a student loses his/her heart he/she may talk to any gender and can still attempt to steal hearts. At the end of the day have a place to collect hearts for each gender (i.e. students collecting as they enter a rally, the cafeteria, etc). Have students count the hearts for each team to see who won the game. Tips:

- Allow teachers to choose if they are going to participate
- Allow students to decorate their hearts with their name and school appropriate decorations or if your budget allows have the heart already decorated to copy onto construction paper so students have no where to write on the heart.
- If there are any arguments about the hearts, any adult on campus may confiscate all the hearts from both parties and throw them out