Tick Removal Procedure

1) Tick bites should be attended to promptly.
   a. Remove the tick by grasping firmly with tweezers, fingers shielded by gloves, a piece of paper towel, or cotton balls.
   b. Use tweezers for tiny ticks.
   c. Get as close to the skin as possible
2) Pull firmly- do not twist or jerk.
3) Mouthparts usually come out intact, but if the mouthparts of the tick break off, consult a physician.
4) Never kill the tick while it is still attached to the skin.
5) Cleanse the area of the tick bite gently with soap and water. Person who removed the tick should wash hands with soap and water also.
6) If the tick has been crushed, wash all contaminated areas of the body thoroughly. Area may be cleansed with an alcohol swab.
7) Record the date of the tick removal on the calendar and inform the parents promptly.
8) Tell the parent to write the date on their calendar.
9) Send “Tick Removal Letter” home, make a copy and put in the school nurse’s box.

Procedure approved per Dr. Sheryl Gravelle-Camelo
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