Parent Information on Ticks and Lyme Disease

As our students are enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather, please keep in mind that this is tick season in New Brunswick. While we may feel a sense of urgency when a child comes to the school office with a tick-like organism protruding from their skin; however, it is not the school’s role to remove the tick.

The parent/guardian is to be notified that their child has a tick embedded in their skin, and needs to have it removed by either the parent or a healthcare professional. The school will continue to sit with the child to discourage them from touching the site. The administration will use a marker to make a small circle on the child’s skin to indicate the tick’s location.

Below please find information on Lyme Disease in New Brunswick from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the Canadian Pediatric Society. These links address general information, as well as prevention strategies like wearing protective clothing, using insect repelant and checking clothes and skin for ticks.

1. What is Lyme Disease

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/vectorborne_andzoonotic/lyme/facts.html>

1. How to protect yourself

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/vectorborne_andzoonotic/lyme/how_to_be_protected.html>

1. Insect Repellents

<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/insect_repellents>

1. How to Protect

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/vectorborne\_andzoonotic/Tick-Borne\_Diseases/how\_to\_be\_protected.html