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Attention: Principal

Re: Thin Ice Warning

Please help us to promote public safety by reminding your students about safe behaviour around stormwater ponds and other bodies of water.

In the late fall and early winter, the ice may appear to be solid but numerous factors affect its thickness and safety. When the ice is unsafe, the County posts thin ice signs on many of the storm water ponds in Sherwood Park. In both Sherwood Park and in the rural areas there are other water bodies, including lakes, ponds, sloughs and streams, which are not monitored, and will not have "Thin Ice" warning signs. Please advise your students and their families that the best rule to follow at this time of year is to keep off all ice surfaces. **PLAY SAFE.....STAY OFF THE ICE. WHEN THE THIN ICE SIGNS ARE UP, THE ICE IS NOT SAFE.**

I have attached an electronic copy of our "Thin Ice" poster. Please put the poster up in your school and ask your teaching staff to take a few minutes to convey this thin ice safety message to the students in their classes.

More information about ice safety can be found at www.lifesaving.org.

Yours truly,

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