

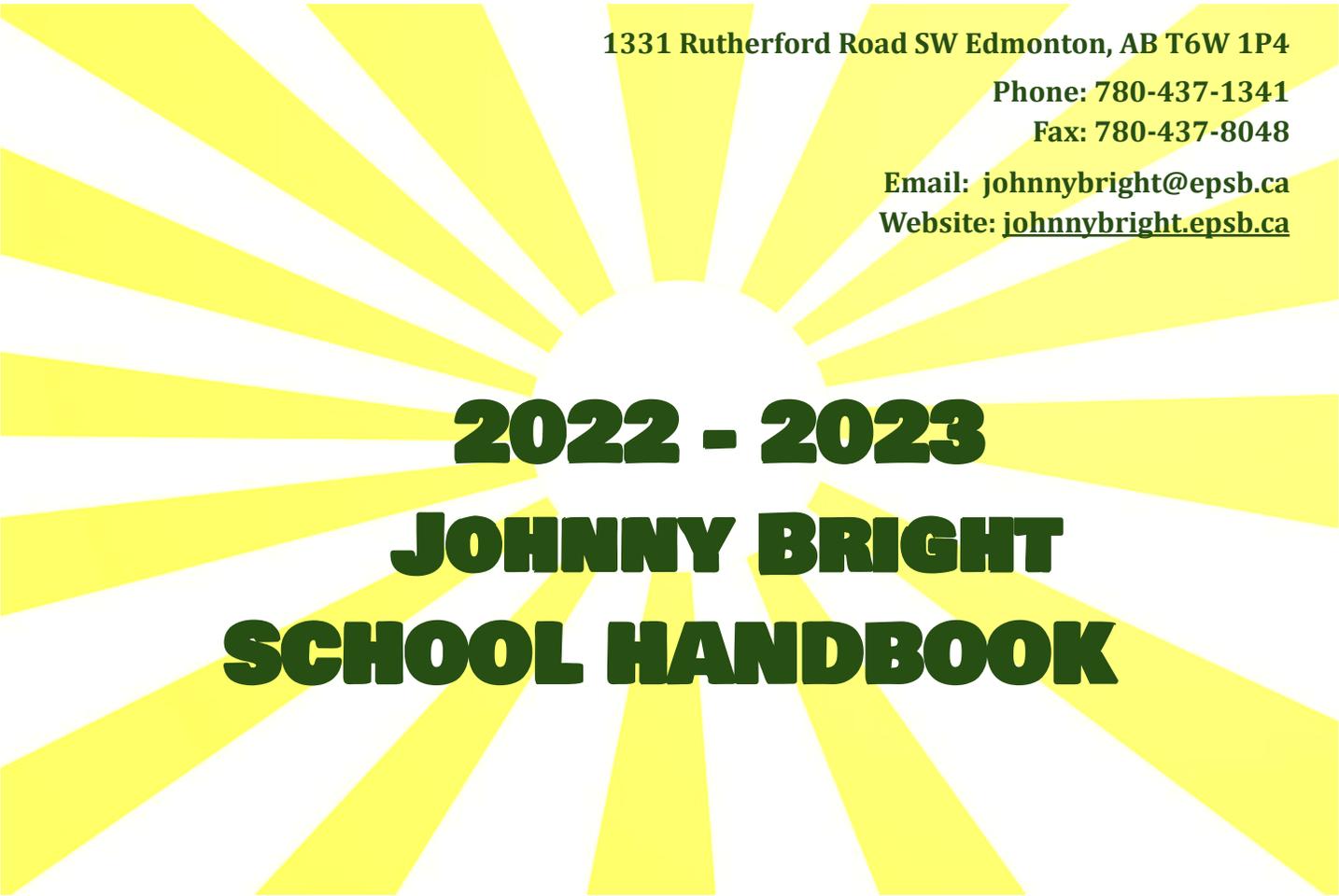
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JOHNNY BRIGHT
SCHOOL HANDBOOK



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About
JOHNNY D. BRIGHT
(June 11, 1930 – December 14, 1983)

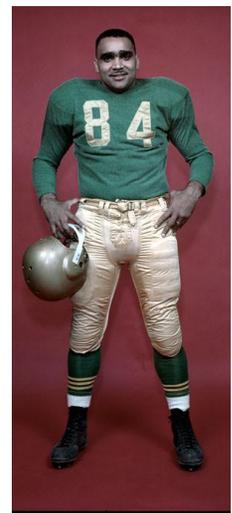
“A man of limitless talent, unending benevolence and the courage of a lion, captured the hearts of millions when he rose to fame as an athlete, but Johnny Bright, Champion excelled in more than just the sports arena. He overcame countless obstacles to become a master in the game of life. Johnny Bright was challenged by poverty, discrimination and poor sportsmanship, including an episode notorious enough to earn a photojournalistic Pulitzer Prize. Still, he combined intelligence and exceptional athletic ability with an enthusiastic dedication to turn obstacles into opportunities for self-improvement.”

“A pioneer among black student-athletes and the original National Football League first-round draftee to "head north," Bright was recognized as one of the Canadian Football League's greatest running backs of all time. His CFL playing career included the Calgary Stampeders 1952-1954 and the Edmonton Eskimos from 1954 -1964 Mr. Bright won many awards and honours with the CFL including: All- Western Running back 1952, 1957-1961, Schenley Most Outstanding Player Award 1959, Eddie James Memorial Trophy 1952, 1957-1959 and Edmonton Athlete of the Year 1959.”

“Once he had mastered football, he devoted his full efforts to his other career, education, eventually becoming a junior high principal in Edmonton. Johnny willingly gave his spare time to coach youngsters, many of whom had no idea of the legendary sports career of their "Mr. Bright". He became an outstanding coach and educator, devoting the rest of his life to children. Johnny Bright, Champion is a success metaphor, providing an inspiration to anyone hoping to turn mere dreams into reality.”

“Sadly, his life ended early, on December 14, 1983, at the age of 53, when he suffered a fatal heart attack while undergoing knee surgery. He was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in his adopted home of Edmonton.”

- Short Description Johnny Bright, Champion (Paperback) by Warrick Lee Barrett (Author)
- CFL.ca - Official Site of the Canadian Football League
- Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum "JOHNNY BRIGHT - AMERICA'S LOSS" by Hugh Wyatt, www.coachwyatt.com; September 14, 2000



Respectful Learning and Working Environments

Edmonton Public Schools, in cooperation with its staff groups, is committed to creating a healthy, respectful learning environment for students, staff members, trustees, parents, volunteers and contractors. We recognize the worth of every person without discrimination. We are committed to working toward the elimination of objectionable behaviour in our schools and workplaces and to maintaining an environment that is respectful, safe, nurturing and positive for everyone. Please help us achieve this goal by interacting in a manner which respects the dignity and value of others.

Edmonton Public Schools

VISION	Enhancing pathways for student success.
MISSION	Our commitment to high-quality public education serves the community and empowers each student to live a life of dignity, fulfillment, empathy and possibility.
VALUES	Accountability, collaboration, equity, and integrity
PRIORITIES	
1.	Build on outstanding learning opportunities for all students.
2.	Advance action towards anti-racism and reconciliation.
3.	Promote a comprehensive approach to student and staff well-being and mental health.

At Johnny Bright School we strive to...

Have classrooms that are:

- Inspiring, caring, respectful and empowering for all students;
- Focused on essential learning;
- Focused on experiential, collaborative and relevant learning;
- Technologically well equipped to support instruction;
- Personalised and based on relationships;
- Literacy and numeracy focused.

Provide learning that:

- Maintains high standards and enable students to develop intellectual and life skills through critical thinking and applied learning;
- Applies depth of knowledge skills and understandings;
- Addresses the needs of all diverse learners;
- Links with the outside world – partners, mentoring, tutoring, service learning
- Are interdisciplinary, project based – provides seamless learning across grades and subjects;
- Is inviting, fostering mutual respect and cooperation, where learning and extra-curricular opportunities are accessible to all students;
- Recognizes and values diversity and communicate effectively;
- Is delivered by skilled, caring, enthusiastic and respectful professionals.

Learners that:

- Hold high expectations for themselves and others;
- Make connections to the environment beyond the classroom;
- Are respectful, self-directed, enthusiastic, positive and responsible;
- Collaborate and cooperate with each other

Communities that:

- Value involvement; Feel welcomed and valued;
- Play critical roles to the school's well-being.

Technology – a Tool for Learning

- Supporting inquiry, problem solving, critical thinking, projects and active learning, collaboration;
- Integrated with learning opportunities;
- SchoolZone and accessing Google Apps for students (student portal);
- Student owned devices
- Acceptable use – the social contract
- Embrace the principles of acceptable use.

Code of Conduct for all Community Members

You learn and earn respect by showing respect. The Code of Conduct at Johnny Bright has been developed based on the concept of the 3Rs – Respect, Rights and Responsibilities. If students learn to respect themselves and others – and their own rights as well as the rights of others – then they need few other guidelines for their behaviour.

It is the responsibility of all members of our school community to support the Code of Conduct and to ensure that it is fairly and consistently applied at school, during extracurricular activities and in the school neighbourhood.

We encourage everyone to respect others and to model that respect in classes, in the hallways, on buses, on the playing fields and in the community.

Student Charter of Rights and Responsibilities

All students should feel that Johnny Bright School is a safe and caring environment that promotes tolerance, dignity and belonging amongst its students, staff and greater community. Students must be provided with opportunities to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to meet the challenges of the future and become responsible and productive citizens. Any behaviour that disrupts or detracts from the learning climate of the school is unacceptable and infringes upon the rights of others.

1. I have a right to an education
<i>It is my responsibility to listen, to learn, to practice, to complete school assignments and to graciously accept remedial assistance when necessary. I will not disturb, disrupt, or interfere with the instruction of my teachers and/or the learning of fellow classmates.</i>
2. I have a right to happiness and to be treated with dignity and respect in school.
<i>It is my responsibility to treat others with honour and polite consideration. I will not laugh at, tease, or put down other students, staff, or adults.</i>
3. I have a right to hear and be heard in this school.
<i>It is my responsibility to help maintain a calm, peaceful and quiet school. I will not interrupt, shout, or make loud noises when others are speaking.</i>
4. I have a right to be safe and secure in this school.
<i>It is my responsibility not to threaten, push, pinch, hit, kick, spit at, or hurt the bones, skin, or feelings of others.</i>

5. I have a right to free expression in learning about myself and others.
<i>It is my responsibility to learn about myself and others in this school. I am free to express my feelings and opinions as long as I am not rude, or disrespectful, or disturb the order of the school and/or personal and public property.</i>
6. I have a right to be myself in this school.
<i>It is my responsibility to respect others as individuals and not to treat them unfairly because of a handicap, or their weight, height, gender, age, colour, or because they think and act differently than I do.</i>
7. I have a right to privacy and to my own personal space.
<i>It is my responsibility to respect the personal property of others and to accept their right to privacy.</i>
8. I have a right to assistance and support in learning self-control.
<i>It is my responsibility to practice self-control and ask for assistance when necessary. I will expect to be corrected when I abuse the rights of others, as they shall be corrected if my rights are abused. No one will silently stand by and witness the violation of personal rights. I can expect that all these rights will be mine as long as I am fulfilling all my responsibilities.</i>

Communication

SchoolZone is a web-based Edmonton Public School site that provides parents, students and teachers with secure access to school and student information. SchoolZone is the primary method of communication used at Johnny Bright School for communicating much of the following information to parents:

- School news
- Class specific news
- Daily attendance
- Homework
- Field trip forms
- Progress reports
- Project work
- Marking rubrics
- Exam dates
- Curricular outcomes
- IPP's
- Special events

Attendance and Punctuality

Section 7 of the Education Act clearly states that attendance in school is mandatory for all children in the province who are between the ages of 6 and 16. Parents are responsible to ensure that their children regularly arrive on time and attend school. At Johnny Bright we know that students with high absenteeism (more than 5 days per year) often experience difficulty keeping up with their studies. As a result, the staff and administration will exercise all avenues available to ensure the regular attendance of students.

1. For students, attendance should be regarded as their JOB. At Johnny Bright School, as in the adult world, we expect that students will be:
 - at school;

- on time;
 - prepared for each class with all required materials and with all assignments completed;
 - positive contributors to Johnny Bright School.
2. Parents are requested to call the office to let us know of your child's absence of late arrival otherwise, parents will receive an automated phone call prompting for a reason for their child's absence. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us ensure the safety of your child. All morning absences should be reported before 9:00 am and all afternoon absences reported before 12:15 pm.
 3. When you know in advance that your child will be absent from school, parents are requested to send an explanatory email to johnnybright@epsb.ca and to the classroom teacher giving the date and reason for the absence. Under the School Act, the only reasons that are accepted as "Excused Absences" are for illness, religious reasons, field trip, bereavement, school suspension/expulsion
 4. Extended Vacations are not deemed an acceptable reason for absence and as such parents are strongly discouraged from planning extended vacations during the school year. Extended absences from school often impact a student's ability to demonstrate proficiency on curricular outcomes. Please note: it is not the responsibility of the Johnny Bright staff to provide programming to your child before they leave. Students will be responsible to work with their classroom teachers to make up missed work upon their return. Failure to do so may greatly impact their achievement.
 5. Elementary students are expected to be in their homeroom class and seated in their desks at 8:24 am and 12:22 pm. Junior High students are expected to be in their first class and seated in their desks at 8:29 am and 12:27 pm. Students not in class at those times will be counted as late.
 6. Students who are tardy to class must provide the receiving teacher with an acceptable reason; including a signed note from the teacher that detained them if that is the reason they are late.
 7. In Junior High, there are breaks between classes which are provided so that students may use the washroom and drinking fountain if necessary. Students must not interrupt the learning environment during class to take care of these requirements.
 8. Sign-out: Students who leave the school during the school day for appointment, illness or any other reason must:
 - Bring a note from home or have their parents call the school;
 - Inform the classroom teacher of their departure;
 - Register in the Sign-Out book at the office.
 9. Students will not be sent home without prior knowledge of the parent or guardian. It is important for every student to know that once he/she has registered, he/she may not leave the school building without first signing out at the office.
 10. Students are expected to leave the school promptly at dismissal time, unless involved in a supervised activity and report home or to a location determined by their parent or guardian.

Since the school staff is responsible for your child, it is imperative that you communicate their whereabouts at all times.

Illness at school

- Students who become ill during the school day should notify their classroom teacher who will then contact the General Office.

- If a student appears to be seriously ill, the parent will be notified and the student will be allowed to go home accompanied by the parent/emergency contact.
- Under no circumstances should a student who is ill leave the school or remain in a washroom without contacting the office first.

Medical Conditions

Students with severe medical conditions, or those who are on prescribed medication, which may affect their performance or safety at school, should notify the General Office staff. A confidential record of student medical conditions is kept on file in the General Office.

Medications

If possible, parents should request long-lasting release drugs from doctors and have doses scheduled before and after school hours.

If a student is required to take oral medication during school hours and a parent or guardian cannot be at school to administer the medication, the medication must be administered to comply with the Edmonton Public Schools regulations. This includes ensuring that the *Authorization for the Administration of Medication* form is properly completed.

Visitors

- All visitors to the school must ring the doorbell in order to enter the building through the front door. All visitors, once let into the building, must report to the General Office and sign in.
- Students are not to have out of school friends come to visit the building.
- To ensure the comfort and safety of our students while school is in regular session, students from neighbouring schools are not permitted to visit the school without permission from a teacher or administration. This rule also applies to junior high school dances and other activities at the school throughout the year.

Library Learning Commons

- The LLC will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Students may borrow up to 4 items (not including textbooks). Books have a circulation period of one or two weeks, but books can be returned as often as needed. If an item required is already signed out, please request a reserve.
- If students have overdue books, they must clear their account in order for borrowing privileges to be reinstated. All library materials must be returned and any lost items must be paid two weeks prior to the end of the school year.
- Food and drinks in the library are not permitted in the library.
- The library has a wonderful variety of books and magazines purchased for student use. Please take good care of the material signed out of the library. If books need to be repaired or replaced, it means less money for new books.

Personal Property

Students are responsible for all personal property. The school cannot assume responsibility for lost articles. We suggest that school supplies, footwear, outdoor clothing, etc., be clearly marked with the student's name. Money and other valuables should not be left in or on desks or in lockers. Unidentified clothing and footwear will be placed in the lost and found box. Unclaimed articles will be forwarded to a charitable organization at various times through the year.

Lockers and Locks (Junior High)

Lockers are assigned to Junior High students. Use of lockers is a privilege, not a right. A student's access to a locker can be removed if their behaviour warrants. Combination locks are required and may be purchased from the school office. Each student is responsible for the security and tidiness of his/her locker.

Locker clean-ups are conducted every term. Lock combinations are recorded by homeroom teachers and filed in the office for the benefit of students and parents. It is important that lock combinations NOT BE SHARED with anyone for reasons of security. If students change locks, they must report the new combination to their homeroom teacher and to the office.

Students are cautioned about bringing valuables to school. There are also bike racks at the back of the school. All valuables (including bus passes) should be properly secured in your locker at all times while in school. We ask that you leave your valuables in your locker while attending physical education activities. The school is not responsible for **any** items taken from lockers. Cell phones must be kept in lockers and are not permitted in classrooms.

Bicycles, Skateboards, Rollerblades And Scooters (no scooters or skateboards, until further notice)

Bike racks and bins are provided in front of our school. This area is only used when students are parking or getting their bikes. The school cannot assume financial responsibility for damaged or stolen bikes. Please note that students are requested to record and leave the serial number of their bicycle at home in case of loss or damage to their property. As a safety measure students must walk their bicycles on school sidewalks, as well as the crosswalk at the front of the school. Remember that helmets and bells are required by law. Students who skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade to school are expected to do so in a safe and controlled manner using a helmet as a minimum of safety equipment. For safety reasons, there is no bike riding, skateboarding or rollerblading on school property.

Interschool Teams

All Johnny Bright School students are eligible to try out for age appropriate interschool teams. Involvement requires a significant commitment of time and effort on the part of team members. Participants will also be charged a fee for the cost of transportation, tournaments, and refereeing.

School Council

At Johnny Bright School, every parent or guardian is automatically a member of our Parent Council. Parents are encouraged to attend our regular meetings as they involve a valuable exchange of information on a number of school specific and general educational matters. Information about our Parent Council organization will be forwarded early in September.

Volunteers

Teachers will request parent volunteers to participate in a wide variety of activities that benefit the students and staff (Library help, Paired Reading, classroom assistance, preparation of materials, interpreting for students and families new to the English language, field trips, and school wide events and much more). Volunteers will be required to complete the volunteer form if asked to volunteer. Volunteers are asked to sign in and out at the office and wear a volunteer badge when they are in the school.

Bus Transportation

Bus passes are sold at school during the last and first week of each month and are non-transferable. Students are expected to behave appropriately on the bus. Students who are reported for misbehaviour on the ETS buses may lose the privilege of buying a pass from the school or riding the bus. Families may be eligible for subsidised ETS passes through the City of Edmonton's Ride Transit Program. Visit <https://www.edmonton.ca/ets/subsidized-transit.aspx> for details.

Lunches

Eating lunch at school is a "shared responsibility" between home and school.. All Grade 1-9 students who stay at school for lunch are required to pay a lunch fee in order to share with the school in covering the costs of providing safe and friendly lunch supervisors. Please note: your child is required to bring a lunch to school as food is not provided to students. Please note that we are a Nut Free School and we are not able to provide plastic cutlery to students.

Grades 7- 9 - 11:32 am - 12:22 pm (bell rings at 12:22 & instruction begins at 12:27)

- Students will eat in their assigned spaces. Grade 7 & 8 will eat from 11:32 - 11:55 and then go outside. Grade 9 will go outside and then eat from 11:57- 12:22.

- Students will pack out all leftovers and containers, so please send in a ziplock bag to return half eaten and empty containers.
- Treat the lunchroom supervisors with respect.

Grades 1-6 - 11:30 am - 12:22 pm (bell rings at 12:22 & instruction begins at 12:27)

- Students will eat in their homerooms. Grade 1-3 will go outside and then eat from 11:30-11:57. Grade 4-6 will eat first and then go outside from 11:57- 12:22.
- Students will pack out all leftovers and containers, so please send in a ziplock bag to return half eaten and empty containers.
- Treat the lunchroom supervisors with respect

Cold Weather Policy

We follow the division policy and implement “indoor recess plans” when the outside temperature reaches -23 (with the wind chill). At Johnny Bright these are “green dot days” – large green dots are posted on each entry, inviting students into the school in the morning to proceed to their predetermined meeting spot.

Accidents

- Minor “First Aid” will be given to any student injured on the premises. If the accident is of a serious nature, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately.
- To aid us in the protection of your child’s health and safety, *please make us aware and keep the office up to date of any special health considerations (e.g. allergies, illnesses) by filling out a medical management form and returning it to the office.*
- Each student is urged to take out personal accident insurance which covers curricular activities sponsored by the school. Forms for this voluntary insurance plan will be available in the office in early September.

Transportation

Our school community is very concerned about pedestrian safety around the school. We would ask parents who drive their children to school, to pick safety over convenience and only park where appropriate. We would also request that when you are driving near the school that you drive slowly and follow the rules of the road. The posted speed limit through the school zone is 30 km.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that students are safe travelling to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. Please ensure you are considerate and respectful to our neighbours if you use streets adjacent or close to the school.

The passenger Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone on Rutherford Road is designed ONLY for the drop off and pick up of students. *Please do not park there or get out of your vehicle.* If you need to walk your child into, or out of the school, please park on the street. When picking up passengers, pull up to the drop off area on Rutherford Road. If your child is waiting on the sidewalk your child may enter the vehicle. Please do not leave your vehicle at the drop zone curb! Please find a muster point and create a family pick up plan.

Here’s what you can do to help:

- Move along as far as you can before stopping.
- Stay in your vehicle to drop off or pick up.
- Have your children ready to get out (backpacks, mitts, etc.).
- Develop a pick up plan with your children in a designated spot.
- Be on time.

