

# Ivor Dent School



## Ivor Dent (1924–2009)

Educator and civic leader Ivor Dent was born in 1924 in Prince Albert, Sask., where his grandfather and father served as municipal councillors.

Dent enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War and served overseas as a bombardier.

He attended the University of Saskatchewan where he met his wife, Aileen. The couple married and moved to Edmonton where they earned education degrees from the University of Alberta. They began teaching in rural schools where racial discrimination prompted them to lobby for better opportunities for indigenous students.

In 1951, Dent began his career as a teacher, assistant principal and principal with Edmonton Public Schools. He earned his master of administration degree from the University of Alberta.

Dent ran for office multiple times and encouraged his own four children to be socially active and embrace diversity. Dent was elected to Edmonton city council as alderman in 1963 and mayor from 1968-74.

Dent helped bring light-rail transit to Edmonton, establish our network of river valley trails and develop arenas and public recreation facilities across the city. Dent oversaw the development of Mill Woods, the Muttart Conservatory, Rundle Park and Fort Edmonton.

When he left municipal politics, Dent earned a PhD in educational administration from Oxford University, then returned to Edmonton to become principal at Rundle School. He retired in 1980.

Dent was vice-president and president of the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada from 1984-90 and was instrumental in bringing the 1978 Commonwealth Games to Edmonton. He received the Award of Merit from the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada, the Order of Canada in 1984 and the Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005.

The City of Edmonton named a large multi-sport park in the city's southeast after Dent in 2013.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

Rundle neighbourhood

### GRADES

Kindergarten to Grade 9

### CAPACITY

650 students

### OPENING

September 2017

