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## Week in Review

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### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Students across Manitoba headed back to the classroom this week for the start of another year of learning. Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart (MLA for Portage la Prairie) kicked off the 2016-17 school year in Brandon this week. "I know parents want to feel confident their children are getting an education that will help them succeed in life," said Wishart. "I want to assure parents that our government is committed to working together with them to achieve this goal."

Minister Wishart also encouraged parents to take advantage of a number of a number of online resources available through the Government of Manitoba's website. These resources can be found here: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=39150>



*Education Minister Ian Wishart and Brandon East MLA Len Isleifson kick off the 2016-17 school year in Brandon*

### FLIN FLON HOSTS TOURISM SUMMIT

The development and marketing of tourism opportunities in Northern Manitoba was the subject of a one-day tourism summit in Flin Flon this week. Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen (MLA for Spruce Woods) highlighted the importance of tourism as a growing industry in Manitoba. "Tourism is a \$1.6 billion industry in Manitoba," said Cullen. "I look forward to hearing the innovative ideas of community members as we work together to boost the north's share of Manitoba's tourism industry."

### PROVINCE INCREASES FUNDING FOR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

September 8<sup>th</sup> was International Literacy Day and was marked by Manitoba's new government with an announcement of increased funding for adult learning centres and literacy programs to support Manitoba learners.

Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart indicated that total funding for these initiatives would rise by \$381,000 for 2016-17. "Our government is committed to developing and investing in a long-term literacy plan to improve learning outcomes across the province," said Wishart. More details on this announcement are available on the Manitoba Education website: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=39170>

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## SHARE YOUR INPUT ON PESTICIDE USE

Manitoba Sustainable Development is looking for input from Manitobans on Non-Essential Pesticide Use regulations. “The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the exposure of people and pets to herbicides used in lawn care for non-essential or cosmetic purposes,” said Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox (MLA for River East). “We are committed to finding the right balance between protecting the environment, minimizing the impact, and providing usable, aesthetic green spaces in our communities.”

The consultations have been ongoing throughout the summer months and are open until September 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to submit your input, visit [http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envprograms/initiatives/cosmetic\\_pesticides/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envprograms/initiatives/cosmetic_pesticides/index.html)

## GO BOMBERS!

Last week, we released a video on our PC Caucus Facebook and Twitter pages in advance of the Labour Day Classic. Not only did it become one of our most popular posts, but we’d like to think it gave our Blue Bombers that extra boost to leave Regina with a win against the Roughriders!

If you’re attending the Banjo Bowl this weekend, please make sure to be safe and cheer as loud as you can for the blue team!

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Our social media feeds are a great way to stay informed about the work being done by your Manitoba PC MLAs. If you don’t already, be sure to follow us on Twitter, like us on Facebook, and subscribe to our YouTube channel through the links below!

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*Ralph Eichler presents a grant to Oak Hammock Marsh*



*PC MLAs celebrate a donation of funds raised at the Winnipeg Pride Run to Reaching Out Winnipeg*



*MLAs Jon Reyes (St. Norbert) and Shannon Martin (Morris) connecting with constituents in their communities*