



News To Note

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A Year in Review...

From September 2019 through March 2020, Accent Pontiac implemented robust during and after-school programming for students in Pontiac, Michigan.

- 2 schools served
- 4 guest artist experiences
- 20 student performances
- 280 students served in music classes each week
- 750 students served through music exposure

In March, Accent Pontiac transitioned to respond to the needs of Accent Pontiac families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, Accent Pontiac has served approximately 40 families with virtual music instruction and weekly deliveries of groceries, household items and educational activities.



Join us on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. for AP Block Party, a virtual concert featuring performances by Accent Pontiac students and guest artists. Suggested donation is \$25 per guest; all proceeds benefit Accent Pontiac's music programming in Pontiac.

Learn more about the event and RSVP at www.accentpontiac.org/apblockparty

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We are seeking volunteers to continue to shop for essential household items for us to deliver to Accent Pontiac families. Families frequently request items such as paper towels, hand soap and cleaning supplies.

Sign up at www.accentpontiac.org/get-involved.



Program Highlights

February 29: Performance at OLHSA Walk for Warmth

Accent Pontiac Performance Bucket Band students performed at the Opening Ceremony at OLHSA's Walk For Warmth event at Great Lakes Crossing. Throughout the event, we invited youth and families to join our drum circle—we even got a visit from Ms. Oakland County!

March 3: Pontiac HS Basketball Game Performance

Accent Pontiac brass and woodwind students came together to perform as the pep band and half-time show at a Pontiac High School Basketball game.

March 6: Black History Month Assemblies

Accent Pontiac students performed original compositions at the Black History Month assemblies at Whitman and Alcott elementary schools.

March 11: Pontiac Regional Chamber Performance

Accent Pontiac was invited to perform at the Pontiac Regional Chamber. Our performance bucket band students rocked the house, performing a 20-minute set to a standing ovation!

Thank you for bringing my daughter her instruments [after the school closures]. With everything going on it's refreshing to hear the sounds of music in the house.

-Lekesha Matthews, Accent Pontiac Parent

Thank you to the funders who are supporting our summer programming!



Check out our article in Oakland County Prosper! Find the story—*In a Pandemic, Music Transcends School Walls*—at www.accentpontiac.org/media.



Want to support Accent Pontiac's work in the Pontiac community?

1. **Donate** directly to our program.
2. Set Accent Pontiac as your charity of choice on **Amazon Smile**.
3. Host a **Third Party Event** to benefit Accent Pontiac.

More information available at www.accentpontiac.org/donate.

Upcoming Events

July 13—August 7: Porch Lessons Series

July 24, 5:00 p.m.: Accent Pontiac Jam Session

July 25: Performance at Oakland County Historical Society Bicentennial celebration

July 27—August 1: Virtual Musical Innovation and Leadership Academy through Archipelago Project

August 10—21: Accent Pontiac Summer Program

August 28, 5:00 p.m.: Accent Pontiac Jam Session

September 11, 7:00 p.m.: AP Block Party Virtual Concert

*We are closely monitoring the guidelines from the CDC and the State of Michigan regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Upcoming events may be postponed and/or adjusted for the safety of our students, staff and community. Updated plans and safety protocols are available at www.accentpontiac.org/events.