



News To Note

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Without Skipping a Beat

This Fall, Accent Pontiac’s programming looks different than our traditional model, as we continue to adjust our music classes to be **safe and accessible**. After a summer full of activities, Accent Pontiac launched **Fall Porch Lessons** on September 14, serving 35 students with outdoor, socially-distanced lessons at their homes two days per week. Accent Pontiac continues to partner with the Pontiac School District to provide during-school music instruction as well, and will serve up to 200 additional students in the District this year.

All programming plans and corresponding safety protocol are outlined in our Fall Activities Plan which can be viewed on our website: www.accentpontiac.org/covid19.



Join us on **November 7** at 9:00 a.m. for the **Green Bucket Run**, formerly known as the Kirk in the Hills 5K Run/Walk. There are two ways to participate in this year’s race: in-person or virtually! The in-person race is limited to 100 participants. The virtual option allows you to run or walk from your own neighborhood, running trail, or track.

Learn more about the event and register at www.accentpontiac.org/greenbucketrun

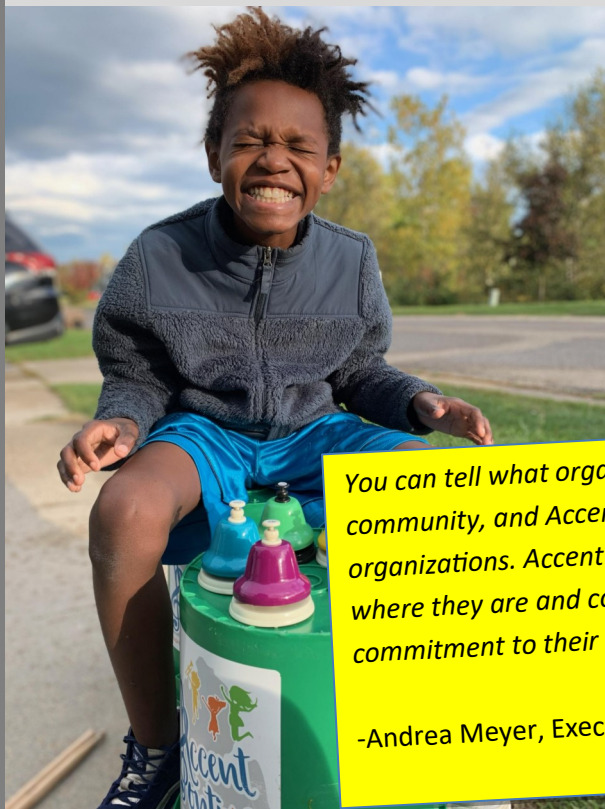
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You can tell what organizations are truly in it for the community, and Accent Pontiac is one of those organizations. Accent Pontiac meets students exactly where they are and continues to deepen their commitment to their students and families.

-Andrea Meyer, Executive Director, Center for Success



Program Highlights

August 10—21: Porch Lessons Camp

Accent Pontiac hosted Porch Lessons Camp, where students received porch lessons each day. In addition, we partnered with Michigan State University’s Emery Petchauer to lead a special song-writing/music production class with small groups of students. Students participated in a community service project and water balloon fight at Micah 6 and ended the week with a performance at the Oakland History Center. All programming took place outdoors, following strict safety protocol.

September 20: Oakland University Peace Day Concert

Accent Pontiac students opened the Oakland University Peace Day Concert with their original song “We Believe”, a song written to inspire people to believe in themselves. Watch the full recorded performance at www.facebook.com/ousmt/videos.

October 18: Happy Harvest Days Performance

Accent Pontiac was invited to perform at the Oakland History Center’s Happy Harvest Days, a Fall drive-through community event. Students painted their own pumpkins as decorations!

I can't say enough about this program. The music my kids write and perform blows my mind. I'm super proud of them this summer and all their hard work. My new 4th graders can't wait until they can join this fantastic program.

-Ms. Bobbi, 4th Grade Teacher at Alcott Elementary School



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Upcoming Events

November 7, 9:00 a.m.: Green Bucket Run

December 5, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Holiday Extravaganza Parade

*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.