



News To Note

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Without Skipping a Beat

On September 23, Accent Pontiac launched its fourth year of programming, serving Walt Whitman and Alcott elementary schools in Pontiac. This year, we will serve approximately 280 students with during-school bucket band and after-school brass, woodwind and percussion classes. We have a full schedule of student performances, field trips and guest artist opportunities this year—stay up to date at www.accentpontiac.org/program.

Kirk in the Hills
5K RUN WALK
 November 2, 2019
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Proceeds Benefit Accent Pontiac

Accent Pontiac / Kirk in the Hills Choir Expansion

This year, Accent Pontiac is expanding its partnership with the Kirk in the Hills youth choir program. Six Accent Pontiac students will sing in the youth choirs this year. This volunteer-driven initiative includes dinner and homework assistance for all Accent Pontiac participants.

Join us!

The 2nd Annual Kirk in the Hills 5k Run/Walk is November 2 and all proceeds benefit Accent Pontiac. Thank you to the Platinum sponsors of this event! To see all our sponsors and find registration and volunteer information, visit www.accentpontiac.org/5k2019.

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When the Accent Pontiac girls sang on Sunday mornings, it was special that they would look for us in the crowd and give us a wave or a hug. The girls are fun, friendly and very enthusiastic about their music. Helping with this project has been a joy-filled experience for us and an educational one for them!
 - Don and Grace Guthrie, Accent Pontiac volunteers

To explore Accent Pontiac volunteer opportunities, visit www.accentpontiac.org/get-involved.



Program Highlights

July 29—August 9: Accent Pontiac Summer Program

Accent Pontiac hosted a 2-week summer program at Kirk in the Hills, offering percussion, brass, woodwind, movement and composition classes. Two meals were provided each day as well as time for team-building activities. Highlights included partnering with Pontiac organization Micah 6, a field trip to Joe Dumars and a final performance full of family members and supporters.

August 28: Oakland Schools Performance

Accent Pontiac performance brass and percussion students were the featured performers at the Oakland Schools launch day.

October 2: Count Day

Accent Pontiac hosted guest artists The Jazz Collective and Klezmephonic for Count Day at our partner schools, encouraging student attendance.

October 4: Pontiac Homecoming Parade

Accent Pontiac performance percussion students performed on the Accent Pontiac float as part of the Pontiac Homecoming Parade!

Staff Update

Accent Pontiac is thrilled to welcome Dr. Remus Webb, Program Manager/Lead Brass Teaching Artist, and Nicole Joseph, Vocal Assistant, to the Accent Pontiac team this year. Learn more about Dr. Remus and Ms. Nicole at www.accentpontiac.org/about.

In addition, we welcome Dr. Tia Harvey, founding Accent Pontiac Bucket Band Teaching Artist, to our full-time team as Program Manager/Lead Percussion Teaching Artist.

We are very happy to report that 7 staff members returned to the Accent Pontiac team this year.



Save the Date!

Talent at the Treasury

May 30, 2020

The Treasury: 30 N Saginaw St, Pontiac, MI

Mark your calendars for Accent Pontiac's 2nd annual signature fundraising event, featuring a strolling dinner, live and silent auctions, local talent and Accent Pontiac student performers!



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Upcoming Events

- October 30, 6:15 p.m.:** Trunk or Treat Performance
- November 2, 9:00 a.m.:** Kirk in the Hills 5K Run/Walk
- December 3, 7:15 p.m.:** Yoga Advent By Candlelight Performance
- December 6, 6:00 p.m.:** Pontiac Holiday Tree Lighting Concert
- December 7, 11:00 a.m.:** Pontiac Holiday Extravaganza Parade
- December 19, 4:30 p.m.:** Whitman Winterfest Parent Showcase

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