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Accent Pontiac Students Make Summer Music at Kirk in the Hills
Bloomfield Hills, MI, July 28, 2017 – Twenty-eight Accent Pontiac students from Pontiac’s Whitman Elementary School will spend a week learning, laughing, composing, and performing at their first Summer Music Camp at Kirk in the Hills. They will perform for the public on Friday, July 28, at 3:00 p.m in Heritage Hall at Kirk in the Hills. Admittance is free.

Begun by Kirk in the Hills in collaboration with the Pontiac School District, Accent Pontiac is an El Sistema-inspired during and after-school music program that uses music as a vehicle for social change. Following a semester of diverse musical experiences in fall 2016, scheduled programming for students began in January 2017 with instruction in percussion and brass. During its first year at Whitman Elementary School, Accent Pontiac served 85 second grade students, who proudly performed on seven occasions for their classmates, teachers, and parents.

Many of the same students will attend the Summer Music Camp, as they look forward to their second year in the program as third graders. “We will also include incoming second graders who are interested in joining the after-school program in the fall,” stated Dr. Linda Ayres, Accent Pontiac Board President. “We are thrilled to offer this extra opportunity to our students, especially in an out-of-school atmosphere here at the Kirk. It is a chance for young children to be close to music, to make music, and appreciate each others’ abilities to do the same.”

Accent Pontiac’s Summer Music Camp will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., July 24 – 28, culminating with the performance on Friday, July 28 at 3:00 p.m. Students will be bussed from Whitman Elementary School to Kirk in the Hills, where their days will consist of small and large group instruction in Bucket Band, Trumpet and Euphonium, Creative Composition, Movement, Mindfulness, and Team-Building. Morning and afternoon snacks, as well as lunch will be provided.

Accent Pontiac: Strengthening Pontiac’s youth and community through equitable access to intensive and consistent music making. Sponsored by Kirk in the Hills, Accent Pontiac is located at 1340 W. Long Lake Rd. in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. For more information, please call (734) 846-2159.

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