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North Middle School receives grand piano from Linda Fisher's estate

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North Middle School recently received a Kawai parlor grand piano valued at more than \$10,000.

The donation was made to the school from the estate of Linda Fisher. Fisher was a principal at Jackson Elementary in the Everett School District before passing away last fall after a battle with cancer.

With the new boundary changes taking effect for the upcoming school year, students who attended Jackson Elementary will be attending North Middle School. Although Fisher was a principal at Jackson Elementary, the piano was donated to North Middle School because the size and nature of the piano are more appropriate for a middle or high school music program, and the students at Jackson will continue their music education at North Middle School.

“As a school, we were overwhelmed and touched by the generosity of Linda and her family,” wrote Kelly Shepherd, North Middle School principal, in an e-mail to the Tribune. “This donation will allow her legacy to live on in schools in Everett for many years to come.”

Shepherd wrote that the donation enabled the school to move their existing baby grand piano to the band room for the school's jazz band students and the upright piano that was in the band room will be moved to the stage for use during performances.

The donated piano was delivered to the school in early July and the school is in the process of making a plaque for the piano and planning a dedication ceremony this fall.