



From Teacher To Principal, Cartwright Has Worn Many Hats

TUPELO, Miss. — In her 13 years with the Tupelo Public School District, Heather Cartwright has done it all.

A native of Jumpertown who graduated from Booneville, she began her career as a 1st-grade teacher at Parkway before accepting the role as a media specialist. She then became an assistant principal for Lawndale prior to being named the principal at Rankin three years ago.

Mrs. Cartwright, who eventually chose education over the speech and audiology therapist profession, earned her bachelor's degree from Ole Miss, her master's from Delta State and is currently working on her doctorate from Southern Mississippi.

When not working or studying, she and her husband of 12 years, Clint, are busy with their two daughters, Ella a 4th grader and Emmy, who is in kindergarten.

She says her biggest role models have been her parents, Mark and Tricia Lambert, who taught her the value of hard work and family.

In their free time, the Cartwright clan loves visiting Walt Disney World, and if there is a favorite food, it's Trolli's Sour Gummy Worms and Diet Dr. Pepper.

As for a dream car, it's anything big enough to chauffeur her girls and their stuff to all their many activities.

This week's TPSD Administrative Focus and winner of a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card is Heather Cartwright of Rankin Elementary.