



Dunklee's Retirement Leaves A Void

TUPELO, Miss. — After 12 years in the Tupelo Public School District, Lee Ann Dunklee can now see the light at the end of a long and winding tunnel as she is set to retire next week.

But what a great journey it's been for this Nacogdoches, Texas, native who earned her degree from Stephen F. Austin.

Lee Ann, a mother to sons J.D. (22) and Ryan (18), began her career as high school Spanish teacher in Corrigan, Texas. In 1998, she and her husband, the late Paul Dunklee, packed up and headed to Tupelo where she began teaching Spanish for five years at the middle school.

Then in 2015, she became the EL Coordinator, a position she continues to hold.

She's quick to say the best part of being in education is making a difference in the lives of all children.

Away from school, she loves traveling, knitting and Tex-Mex food. As for a favorite vacation destination, it's Madrid, Spain.

She always enjoys telling one of her favorite stories, the time she met Enriques Iglesias and made him laugh.

Thanks for your impact, Mrs. Dunklee. Enjoy retirement and being this week's TPSD Administrative Focus and winner of a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card.

-www.tupeloschools.com-