



### **Quimby Named 2023 TPSD Parent Of The Year**

**TUPELO, Miss.** – When people talk about Ashley Quimby, there’s one word commonly used — servanthood.

Whether it’s at her kids’ schools, the community or even her place of employment, she’s always looking to volunteer.

Tuesday at the January Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees meeting at Church Street Elementary, Quimby was crowned the 2023 Parent of the Year.

A native of New Albany, she and her family moved to Tupelo two years ago from Hernando. She was a beside nurse at LeBonheur in Memphis, and now works as a nurse at its facility in Tupelo.

“It’s such an honor to receive this award,” she said. “I’m fortunate I’m able to do all the things I do. While I set out to help others, I feel like I’m the one who has benefited the most. I have a new appreciation for the administrators, teachers and staff.”

She and her husband, Robert, have two children — James, an 8-year-old at Lawndale and Rosalie, a 4-year-old at ECEC.

Since moving to Tupelo, Quimby has served as PTO president at both Parkway and Lawndale. She enjoys raising money to benefit projects and recently coordinated Lawndale’s efforts in raising \$1,500 for Habitat for Humanity.

She’s also a member of the AEE board and is a volunteer for the Father-Daughter Ball, a fundraiser for LeBonheur.

A member of First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, she also teaches a Sunday School class.

“She works tirelessly to help cultivate an environment which motivates, celebrates and provides optimal learning experiences for our Lawndale students,” principal Talina Knight said. “Her support of TPSD and her presence on community agency committees such as PTO and AEE have prepared her to be a driving force in affecting positive change, not only for her own children, but for all children of Tupelo.”

Quimby is now eligible for Mississippi Parent of the Year honors.

**2022-23 Parents of the Year**

**Carver**

Breanna Horton

**ECEC**

Lindsey Chaney

**Joyner**

Kelly Hutcheson

**Lawhon**

Kathryn Rhea

**Lawndale**

Ashley Quimby

**Milam**

Monte Smith

**Parkway**

Mike Nabors

**Pierce Street**

Ashleigh Greenhaw

**Rankin**

Kaycee Burrell

**Thomas Street**

Leigh Ann Whitehead

**Tupelo High School**

Bree Waddle

**Tupelo Middle School**

Carley Johnston