



**Kelly’s Inviting Personality Makes Joyner Feel Like Home**  
**TUPELO, Miss.** — It’s as if Tanya Kelly never has a bad day.

She’s always positive. She’s always inviting. And she goes out of her way as the Joyner counselor to make sure the needs of everyone are met.

“Have you ever met or encountered that person who just felt like, ‘home?’ Mrs. Kelly provides comfort, care, and ‘home’ to our students, their parents, our faculty & staff, and any visitors on our campus,” principal Kim Foster said. “She runs toward and connects our Joyner community to the lifelines that allow us the joy of being TPSD’s one single heartbeat.”

A native of Vaiden, Miss., Tanya started with the Tupelo Public School District in 2016 as a language/arts teacher at Tupelo Middle school before transitioning to Joyner a year later.

She earned both her bachelor and master’s degree from Mississippi State. She and her husband, Michael, have three children.

This week’s TPSD Staff Spotlight, sponsored by Sunny 93.3 and Buffalo Wild Wings, is Tanya Kelly of Joyner Elementary School.