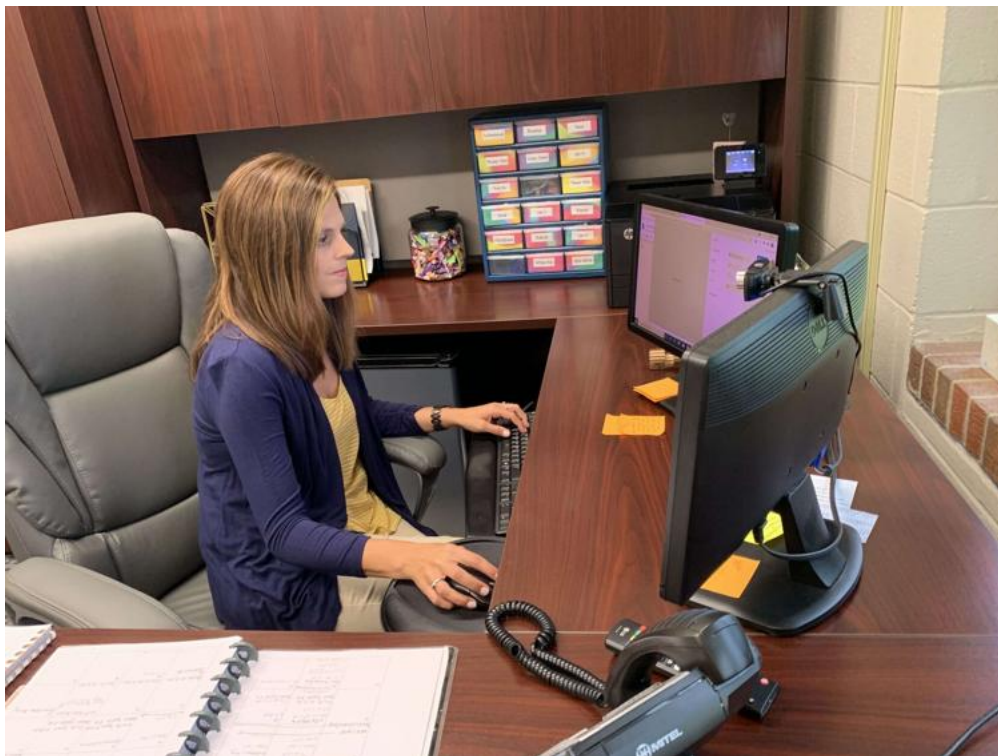


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## Goodman secures her dream job close to home

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Heather Goodman works Friday in her office at Morningside Elementary School. She recently was hired as the new principal at the school. She previously worked for 11 years as assistant principal at Heartland Elementary School.

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Heather Goodman is the new principal at Morningside Elementary School. She previously worked for 11 years as the assistant principal at Heartland Elementary School.

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Elizabethtown native Heather Goodman recently was hired as principal at Morningside Elementary School, a position she has dreamed of for a while.

“This is a dream job for me so I’m very excited,” she said in her new office.

Goodman previously worked as a teacher and then assistant principal at Heartland Elementary School. She held that position for 11 years.

Goodman said her husband, Jason, encouraged her to go into administration. She soon discovered that as an administrator, she was able to work with all students in a school and also help teachers in improving their instruction.

She graduated from Central Hardin High School in 2000 and then attended Western Kentucky University and earned a degree instructional supervision principalship and a superintendency

certification.

“Ever since I was a little girl, all I wanted to do was be a teacher,” she said. “And so whenever I went to college, it was an easy choice for me because I love working with kids.”

Goodman had been looking at postings for jobs and decided to apply for the Morningside vacancy after hearing from other people about the family atmosphere at the school.

Asked what she thought set her apart from other applicants, Goodman noted creating and maintaining relationships with everyone in the school and her instructional background.

“The most important skill is to develop relationships with students, teachers and parents. If you have those relationships, then you can focus on improving student learning and instruction,” Goodman said.

Goodman said she worked with now retired Morningside principal Tim Mudd which helped give her insight into how the school works, especially since she was moving to a different school district.

During summer school, Goodman said she met students and teachers, giving her a jumpstart to the school year.

One of the first goals she intends on implementing is Kagan cooperative learning and station teaching for literacy and math. She said these plans were postponed because of the pandemic.

In discussing the pandemic and possible gaps it may have caused among students’ learning, Goodman said teachers may have to start further back and review to help fill any gaps students may have.

While at Heartland, she said trying to keep students on track with their work while in quarantine was difficult.

In her new position, Goodman said she intends to be open and honest with all stakeholders in the school to eliminate confusion and keep everyone on the same page.

“This is a goal I’ve had for a long time so I’m excited that I get to do it here,” she said. “Everyone has been so welcoming and encouraging, so I know this is gonna be a great environment for me to be in this position.”

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