

## What do you love about your school?

I love the nurturing environment and positive relationships within the school community. The hardworking staff at Pearl Stephens are committed to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.

## What do you love most about being a principal?

Each day, I look for an opportunity to make a difference. It is rewarding to know what I do daily shapes and molds students' lives to become productive citizens of our community. Often, parents of former students will come back to visit the school and thank me for investing time and resources, motivating their children, and positively influencing their lives.

## Tell us about the person who inspired you to become a leader.

Dr. Marion Ford, a former principal at Pearl Stephens Elementary, inspired me. She saw my potential and presented opportunities for me to develop as a leader. Her student-centered philosophy still resonates with me today. One of the lessons I learned from her was always to make decisions with the best interest of students in mind.