



Shenandoah Elementary
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Dear Shenandoah Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write this letter of introduction as the new principal of Shenandoah Elementary. My name is Susan Stevens, and it is truly an honor to serve as the leader of a school community with such great parents, students and educators. I wanted to share a little about myself and my vision for Shenandoah Elementary.

I have been in education for over 26 years, serving several schools in East Baton Rouge Parish as a teacher, Dean of Students and most recently as Assistant Principal. I believe that all students deserve a high quality education in a safe, friendly, and positive environment. My goal is to see all students at Shenandoah Elementary achieve success. One of the most important aspects of my work here at Shenandoah will be building strong relationships with students, teachers and families. You'll find me in the hallways, classrooms, playground, and at special activities. My passion has been and always will be educating students. With that in mind, you can expect that I will work diligently with teachers to make sure our students are exposed to curriculum and instruction that is both engaging and challenging. As an elementary principal, I realize (especially in our current times) the education of children can be a difficult job, and cannot be accomplished without the assistance of parents and our surrounding community. With our students coming from various subdivisions and areas, our school and district will continue to strive for Shenandoah Elementary to be an exemplary learning site. I encourage parents and community members to be active participants in the education of our students. I believe that communication is key! Therefore, I aim to maintain effective lines of communication. I have an open door policy and welcome your input and ideas. You may also reach me via email at sstevens@ebrschools.org. I'm looking forward to meeting each of you as we start this new and exciting journey together!

On a personal note, both my husband, Jeffrey, and myself were once students at Shenandoah. We both grew up in Shenandoah and currently live in the Shenandoah area. Being named principal is truly like coming home. Jeffrey and I have 2 children, Lauren, who recently graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University and Cody, a junior at Woodlawn High School. In my spare time, I can often be found at the soccer fields or cheering on my beloved Auburn Tigers!

I understand that as a new principal, I must establish trust and credibility in order to form a collaborative effort for the success of all students. I ask you to join me to support Shenandoah's teachers, staff, and students throughout this school year. I look forward to meeting with you and working together to achieve success for the students at Shenandoah Elementary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan D. Stevens'.

Susan D. Stevens