Southeast Polk
RUNNELLS ELEMENTARY

August 19, 2026

Runnells Families,

Reminder: Tomorrow night - Thursday, Aug. 20 from 4:00-6:00 PM - is open house at Runnells Elementary. In order to honor teacher preparation time, doors will not open until 3:55 PM. Please review the open house information/reminders below.

- **School Pictures** - Students can stop at the picture check-in table in the gym to get their picture taken from 4:00-6:00 PM. No form needs to be filled out ahead of time. Jostens will email you once pictures are finished, and you can order online.
- **PTA Table** - PTA will hand out an ice cream treat to all students at open house. Stop by their table in the gym to sign up to become a member and pay your $5 annual membership dues (goes directly to state and national dues). They will also have committee sign-ups for the silent auction and teacher appreciation week. **PTA meetings will be the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the library, with the first one being Sept. 14.** Follow them on Facebook.
- **PTA Donation Bin -** New this year, there will be a donation bin for any extra school supplies lying around your house. The PTA will distribute these supplies to classrooms and students in need.
- **School Supply Kits** - If you ordered one, it will be in your student's classroom and ready for you on open house night.
- **First Day of School** - Monday, Aug. 24, 2026
    - School hours are 8:50 AM-3:45 PM
    - **West doors will open at 8:35 AM.** If your student is dropped off at West door and eats breakfast at school, please plan to drop them off then.
    - Bus students will enter the building as soon as the buses arrive, provided it is after 8:30 AM, to help expedite the breakfast line.

Sincerely,

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