Southeast Polk
RUNNELLS ELEMENTARY

August 21, 2026

Runnells Families,

Please see first-day-of-school information.

- **First Day of School** - Monday, Aug. 24, 2026
  - School hours are 8:50 AM-3:45 PM, 1:40 PM dismissal on Wednesdays
  - 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.

- **Parents Welcome** - We are excited to welcome you and your children as we begin a new school year! To make the first day memorable, you may walk your child to their classroom on Monday, Aug. 24. If you want to meet them off the bus and walk with them to their classrooms, that is great as well; buses drop students off on the north side of the building. We kindly ask that parents drop their students at the classroom and say their goodbyes so teachers can start their morning routines. Please do not block the bus lane on the north side of the building, and keep the east lane of the west door drop-off lane open as well.

- **West Door Pickup & Dropoff** - We use a two-line system at the west door. When the first line closest to the playground is full, please create a second line on the Dollar General side of the drive. Please do not park on the road. The police have contacted us in the past to make sure we don't have cars on the road. If you arrive after the first line has started, we will clear the second line before you, so please provide enough space for the second line to pull over and pick up their students. If you are parking in the parking lot and walking over to the west door to pick up your student, please do not park in the driveway on the north side of the building. This creates traffic issues for buses trying to get into the bus lane.

Sincerely,

Jake Bartels, Principal
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2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar