Southeast Polk
RUNNELLS ELEMENTARY

September 2, 2026

Runnells Families,

Another great week at Runnells! Our students are doing a great job getting back into the school routine and working hard in the classroom. Please review important information below.

- **Labor Day Weekend** - This weekend is a three-day weekend. There will be no school on Monday, Sept. 7 due to Labor Day. Regular school resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 8.
- **Dismissal Changes** - Please call the office or email Emily Burke with student dismissal requests. In order for our dismissal process to run smoothly, we ask that you contact the school by 3:15 PM. This allows us time to inform teachers of dismissal changes/requests.
- **Runnells PTA** - There is still time to join our PTA. Membership dues are $5 - join through Venmo @Runnells PTA (please include your name)
    - The first meeting is Sept. 14 at 6:30 PM in the library
    - Purchase tickets to the following events at Casey's Event Center through the links below to help raise money for our PTA
        - 🎪 **The Circus | Oct. 1–4, 2026 | Purchase tickets**
        - ❄️ **Disney on Ice | Nov. 26–29, 2026 | Purchase tickets**
- **Work While They Learn!** - Runnells is hiring a school cook! This is a great fit if you are looking for a schedule that matches your child's school day—no nights, weekends, or holidays, plus summers off. The position runs Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM-1:30 PM and is IPERS retirement-eligible. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online.
- **Stars Shine Bright Family Night** - **Save the date for Thursday, Nov. 5 from 5:00-7:00 PM.** More information will be shared soon.
- **Volleyball Skills Clinic** - Sessions are being led by the high school volleyball coaches and players at the SEP High School from 6:00-7:00 PM. Learn new skills, play fun games, and most importantly—LOVE VOLLEYBALL! The registration fee covers all five sessions. **Register here**.

  5 sessions (1 hour each) — Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7

Sincerely,

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2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar