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What's a "Du"? & Why you should do it!



Join us on **October 9th, 2011** for the inaugural Dig the Du off-road duathlon, WNC's dirty duathlon!

Dig the Du is a **2.5 mile run/12 mile bike/2.5 mile run** at Sky Valley Farm in Hendersonville that benefits OpenDoors of Asheville and French Broad River Academy.

Features include:

- Undisturbed trails, never before

NEWS FROM JEN RAMMING, CO-FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

Great Teachers Open Doors For Our Kids

Wow... back to school already? It is with mixed feelings that most of us parents usher our children out the door again after an entire summer together. We are so fortunate, here in Asheville, that we are able to do that knowing we are sending our kids to safe and supportive places. The school system as a whole, however can be a confusing and intimidating maze, especially if you are a family with special financial or educational needs. That is where OpenDoors steps in. And I'm proud to say, it's what we do best.

We do not do it alone of course. The fact is, the work we do would not be possible if it were not for some of the awesome teachers within Asheville City Schools.



Jotwan Daniels is

open to the public

- A wonderful introduction to off road, multi-sport events
- A great venue for seasoned athletes
- Registration for solo and team participants

For more information, please call (828)230-1737 or email:

dtd@fbriveracademy.org

or since you know you're already diggin the du

[Click here to register for the event](#)

Our Amazing Youth Davon Smith



As with most of life's best relationships - the one between 5th grader Davon and his



one of those terrific educators, and he was awarded for it last year - winning ACS Teacher of the Year. He is a great friend to OpenDoors, loaning an important and informed voice to the OpenDoors Board. "Coach" Daniels is on the front line every day in the classroom and on the soccer field building bonds and broadening minds.

Here's to a wonderful 2011-2012 school year. Whether you are a parent, a teacher, or a student... it truly does take hard work from all of us to achieve success and make progress. (I actually wish I were back in school too. It's *that* much fun to be part of this equation.)

Thank you for supporting OpenDoors.

Warmly,

Jen Ramming
Executive Director



Check our [website](#) any time for updates...

Our Doors are Always Open!

Treat yourself + Support OpenDoors Why we love Clingman Cafe

As an unofficial conference room of OpenDoors - [Clingman Cafe](#) has always been one of



OpenDoors mentors Katherine Brooks and Peggy Weil, began organically. No 'formal' match up or introduction, just a great kid two women got to know through school activities and their own children. Katherine says Davon has been a welcome member of her household since he and her youngest son became best buds in Kindergarten!

Last year, Katherine and Peggy, in wanting to be able to do more for and with Davon, strengthened their bond with him by bringing OpenDoors into their relationship. They say with the help (financial and logistical) of OpenDoors and Davon's ever-supportive Mom Kimya, they've been able to expand Davon's horizons.

With sponsored help from Arden Reading Clinic, Davon's borderline failing grades have evolved into A's and B's...earning him a spot on the honor roll last year! Davon's natural athleticism now serves him well in soccer, football and swimming.. all opportunities made available through OpenDoors scholarships and organization. ABYSA has been especially generous to all of our kids.

Davon's mentors say that he is always open and eager to try new things. They describe him as a "beautiful, sweet, energetic, well-mannered child who is a great

our favorite spots. It's a delicious, bustling neighborhood joint in the heart of the River Arts District.

With two children attending Asheville City Schools, owner Trip Howell believes in the mission of OpenDoors and has provided both food and financial support over the years. He's such a team-player in fact, he even 'donated' his wife Pamela to create our Newsletter!



AS A BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL

Clingman Cafe will donate 10% of all gift card sales (\$20 and up) to OpenDoors!

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■ An Easy Way to Help...



Back to school supplies are priced as low as they are going to go by

brother to his 3 siblings and is very close to his Mom Kimya." His Mom puts great emphasis in him doing well in school.. in fact she says Davon's 'sports life' depends on it!



Goooooooooooooooooo!!!



this time of year..

If you can, grab an extra notebook or two, a box of pencils, a lunch box or even a back pack

and send them in to your child's teacher. Chances are he or she will know just the child who needs them! And with teachers spending hundreds of their own dollars each year to supplement their students, we know it will be appreciated!



OpenDoors 3rd Annual Benefit Art Auction

February 25, 2012 is the date!

We can tell you that this year will be an 'experience' like you've never had in Asheville... more next month.



Next Month..

- New details on the 'Du'
- Meet one of our amazing youth
- Get exclusive OpenDoors deals around town
- See what one of our contributing artists is working on for this year's Auction
- Find out how we can make your holiday gift giving a little easier this year!



OpenDoors Calendar

OCTOBER 9

WNC's best off-road Duathlon to benefit OpenDoors & French Broad River Academy

NOVEMBER 20

Art for this year's Benefit Auction is unveiled on-line. Get a sneak peak!



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Questions? Contributions? **Compliments?**

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