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## **Hustle, Hard work, and Heart Pay Off for Basketball Team**

*Jerry Zucker Middle School Has Winning Season*

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Jerry Zucker Middle School's Lightning boys' basketball team was on fire this season, winning not only the regular season championship but also the playoff tournament championship for the North Charleston Recreation Department Middle School League. Coach Brandon Blackley attributes the team's success to the camaraderie that was built from top to bottom, between the coach and the players. The key was having a great group of kids. According to Coach Blackley, "The kids put in hard work to reach our ultimate goal which was a championship. Teamwork is what I preached to the kids from the very first practice until the end of the year. I let them know we could not win as individuals but only as a team. Everybody on the team bought into the teamwork equals success concept, and that was our biggest strength this year. Hustle, hard work and heart was the motto for our team."

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.