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Blindness No Obstacle to Success

*Charlie Plaskon Shares Inspirational Story With Students
at Jerry Zucker Middle School*

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On Wednesday, April 11th motivational speaker and tri-athlete Charlie Plaskon, who happens to be legally blind, shared his inspirational story with students at Jerry Zucker Middle School. Mr. Plaskon was born with a degenerative macular disease which robbed him of his sight at an early age. Despite being legally blind all his life, Mr. Plaskon earned two Master's degrees and worked for 32 years as a middle school teacher. After retiring in 1999 he started running and competing in marathons and triathlons. Mr. Plaskon told students that it was his determination to succeed and his focus on his ability as opposed to his disability that has enabled him to live a full life and achieve more than many people who can see have achieved. He encouraged students to hold on to their dreams and told them that if they believe in themselves, there is no limit to what they can accomplish.

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