



Celebrate St. Mark's Spring Grade Challenge



Join the Challenge April 21 through May 2, 2017

Every grade that succeeds in reaching 75% participation in the School Annual Fund – GIFTS CAN BE ANY AMOUNT! – will be invited to celebrate with an ice cream party (PK through 3rd grade) or their choice of a pizza or ice cream party (grades 4 through 8) for the whole grade!

Additionally, any grade that reaches 100% participation will be invited to help plant a **Victory Butterfly Garden** on campus. The garden will be named in honor of the winning grade(s) through March 2018.

You and your children are directly impacted by the Annual Fund. Each year, money raised provides the school with essential funds that go to the greatest needs. This year, a percentage of proceeds will help fund exciting new STEAM initiatives, such as robotics and additional Maker Space activities. **Annual Fund gifts also help keep tuition increases as low as possible, which is key to St. Mark's School mission.**

To date, **only 35 of our 338 school families have given to the Annual Fund, which represents 11% of all school families.** When we include gifts from grandparents, our participation rate reaches 23%. Staff participation in the Annual Fund is nearly 75%. Thank you for showing your school loyalty by helping increase our participation rate before the end of the school year!

Donations of ANY SIZE make a difference! Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Episcopal School with a notation of "Annual Fund Grade Challenge" on the memo line. To meet the challenge, all checks must be received by **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. For more information, please contact Michaela Kennedy, Development Director, at 561-623-2623 or mkennedy@stmarkspbq.org.

THANK YOU!

