**This Week We:**

This week students began advertising for student council elections.  We anticipate middle school student council elections to take place on the 15th and plan to announce the winner on the 17th.  We are also beginning new class novels in both 6th and 8th grade language arts classes.  In 8th grades, students are preparing to read “To Kill a Mockingbird” and in 6th grade, students started reading “The Cay.”  We also had a grade check that was sent home on Monday.  If you did not get one from your child, please contact his or her homebase teacher.

**Next Week We Are:**

Next Thursday is our December G day.  All PCS students will be spending Thursday working on projects and activities around the theme of diversity.  Friday is the beginning of our winter break.  School will resume January 5th.  For students who earned participation bracelets for November and December, we will be issuing new participation bracelets for January.  We will be using students’ grades on their January 5th grade checks to determine which students are eligible for January.  Our January participation breakfast will be at 7:30 on Thursday, January 8th.  Parents will receive rsvp forms on Tuesday, January 6th.

**News From the Field:**

During our last parent round table meeting, the topic of coding came up.  The following is a link of 7 apps that teach coding.  Several of these are set up in a way that your child could work on them at home:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/7-apps-teaching-children-coding-anna-adam?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=blog-7-apps-coding-dec-image>

During our parent round table on Tuesday, a question was asked about the Common Core Standards.  The following link is a pretty good explanation:

<http://www.corestandards.org/what-parents-should-know/>