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## Conversations with My Daughter I just saw Bob McDonnell, a minute ago...

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Halloween Parade, Vienna, VA*

**Dad:** *(watching the parade from the side walk – I tapped on her shoulder...)* There's Creigh Deeds shaking hands with the spectators.

**T:** I know; I just saw Bob McDonnell a minute ago.

**Dad:** Did he try to shake hands with you?

**T:** No, I was too far back from the street.

**Dad:** *(shouting)* If he knew a staunch Republican – such as yourself - is in the crowd he would have reached over to shake your hands...

**T:** *(nodding with content)* I know...

**Dad:** And, there's Ms. Reed the school board candidate.

**T:** Dad, who are the other candidates that we know?

**Dad:** Steve Cuccinelli; and Steve Shannon and Mark Keam who is running for Steve Shannon's job – and that's all I know.

**T:** Dad, its' Ken Cuccinelli.

**Dad:** You're right Ken...

**T:** What is Steve Shannon's job?

**Dad:** He is a Delegate and he wants to become the Attorney General

**T:** Dad I'm tired can we go home now?

**Dad:** Sure.

*Driving home after leaving the parade*

**T:** Daddy?

**Dad:** Yes Daddy...

**T:** Do you think Bob McDonnell is going to win?

**Dad:** I think his chances are better than the other candidate - Creigh Deeds.

**T:** Awesome!

*Continues...*

**T:** Dad, are you going to vote for Bob McDonnell?

**Dad:** You know the answer to that question – don't you?

**T:** Darn it... Not fair... you know what my vote is; plus, I'm your daughter – we are a family - I should know...

**Dad:** Did you know that Creigh Deeds is in the same party as the President?

**T:** Yes I did. You told me that Obama is campaigning for Deeds.

**Dad:** Well, you liked Obama last year...

*Interrupts...*

**T:** I wanted Hillary Clinton to win because she was a woman

**Dad:** A woman president is not going to happen for a long time now...

**T:** WHAT? What did you just say?

**Dad:** Well it won't. That's the reality.

**T:** I like Obama because he made history. He is the first African American president.

**Dad:** He is a good man.

**T:** Did you vote for him?

**Dad:** You don't give up; do you?

**T:** Someday, I will know if you're a Republican or a Democrat; someday soon.

**Dad:** And, someday I will, too, figure out if you're a Republican or a Democrat!