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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!