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The main topic of conversation at Lafayette for the last two weeks has been Halloween. This is one big holiday at this school. What are you going to be? This starts the costume competition as everyone tries to figure out what is the best and what is the most popular this year. Star Wars characters seem to be on the upswing. The traditional fireman and princess are going to found in PK. I get lots of questions about my costume. My lips are sealed until the start of the parade. The second grade has the most wonderful skeletons hanging on the library windows. This is an art project on showing movement. The third grade studies perspective in art and they created graveyard scenes to demonstrate the concept. You can find these pictures in the Great Hall. Parties are already being talked about. And then there is the wonderful night of trick or treating still to come.

So what are we going to do about Halloween this year? I have no idea right now what the situation will be at school tomorrow. The really big blow hasn't even started yet. In previous years our old building hasn't always fared well in big storms. We had our roof vents blow off during Imogene a few years ago. Roof leaks are a pretty common occurrence. Being on a hill means we don't flood, but we have had trees blow over before. One even punched a hole in one of the trailers. But like all the weather forecasters have been saying over and over the past few days, this is one heck of a storm that really doesn't fit in any category. I can't remember when we have had 10 inches of rain before in such a short period of time. The predicted wind gusts are impressive. And as you all know, the school has the same issues with power as the rest of you have in the neighborhood. Mr. Young will be at the school checking things out and letting me know what the school conditions are.

If we are at school on Wednesday, Halloween will go on. If we have to we will parade through the school. If the sun is out and it's safe we will be on the track. Parties will take place and fun will be had by all. If we're not at school, I'm thinking about having a costume day in November. Similar to our other t-shirt or wacky wardrobe days. A day to show off what you would have worn on Halloween. Won't be the same but I hope it will still be fun.

It will be another day or two until we really find out how Lafayette came through Hurricane Sandy. There will be inside inspections and trips to the roof to check for water damage. At the minimum there will be some clean up that will need to be done to the grounds. But back to school we will come because we have a very full calendar ahead. Student council elections next week and the first grade patriotic celebration. Report cards to complete and distribute. The kindergarten Thanksgiving feast to plan and prepare. Hurricane Sandy is just a short break in the school year. But what stories will come out of the wind and rain. What personal narratives our students will write. The students at Lafayette still talk about the year the snow was as high as their heads. The year the building shook. Now there is a new event to add to the list. The big blow known as Sandy.