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Letters From MRFY - Spookiness and goodbyes
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*"...Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise."
Robert Frost, "From My November Guest"*

The streets are quiet and some of our MRF visitors (bears and people) are settling in for a long winter hibernation.

We are in the throes of "preparing for snow"; pallets are being put away, plow lanes are being cleaned up, the last of the bales of saleable plastic and materials are being shipped. It is the seasonal closing down of the MRF that has gone on now for some time.

The recycling market is in shambles. Materials are at their lowest point in the past 5 years and we are having to pay to get rid of plastic and paper, as well and struggling to find value in our cardboard and metals. These next few weeks will involve shifting our storage priorities and preparing for a long winter of material recovery and strategizing.

In this time of change and transition, we bid a fond farewell to Recycling Specialist Dave Cook, who has informed us that he will be leaving at the end of November. We thank him for his time spent learning the ropes, bringing his knowledge and smile to the island every day, and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Once a friend on the island, the island will always be your friend. Cheers, Mate.

On the upside of things, you may have heard we received a Recycling Excellence Award. It's an honor to represent this community and receive such recognition. We were also pleased to announce a Halloween visit by Dr. RECYCLING!!! His zany, mad-cap antics and recycling knowledge were given to the kids and parents alike in the first annual Haunted MRF!! Before candy was handed out, he imparted bits of wisdom like "Every year, 28 billion glass bottle and jars go to the landfill ... enough to fill two Empire State Buildings every three weeks for a YEAR!!" After this, candy was dispensed as well as toothbrushes (neither of which were recycled.) This is another educational outreach that we will be sharing with others MRFs in the region.

Baling continues.
Cleaning continues.
Research continues.

Stay warm, kiddies. The only way out of winter is THROUGH it.

Have a MRF-tastic Day!!

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