

Corner stores pledge healthier kid snacks

Want your kids to eat better after-school snacks? Three Bloomfield corner stores located near elementary schools have pledged to offer healthier snacks to students who shop there. The stores are participants in the “Healthy Corner Store” initiative of the Bloomfield Health and Human Services Department.

Fairview, Carteret and Watsessing elementary schools are located near Friendly News and Food (128 Montgomery Street), Tobacco King II (143 Grove Street), and Glenwood Confectionery (154 Glenwood Avenue).

Starting this fall, instead of prominently promoting chips, soda and ice cream, the stores will instead focus on displaying items like fresh fruits, veggies, nuts, seeds and granola.



“This is all part of the our goal to make healthy food more accessible to Bloomfield residents,” said Michael Hodges, the department’s educator.

Details about “Healthy Corner Store” can be found in the forthcoming Community Health Improvement Plan. Look for a link to the plan in an upcoming issue of E-BUZZ.