Today, at the Eat Wisely conference that took place at Järveotsa Gymnasium, Tallinn, Evelin lives awarded Healthy School Refreshment Bar 2012 plaques to the capital's best school refreshment bars.

This year, the healthiest school refreshment bars are at Tallinn Technological Gymnasium (Koolitoitlustuse OÜ), Tallinn English College (Neitsitorni Kohviku AS), Tallinn Humanitarian Gymnasium (AS Tuleleek), Tallinn Järveotsa Gymnasium (Koolitoitlustuse OÜ), Pelgulinna Gymnasium (OÜ Flosse), Tallinn Arte Gymnasium (Baltic Restaurants Estonia AS), Tallinn Õismäe Gymnasium (OÜ Bramos), Haabersti Russian Gymnasium (OÜ Lianta), Gustav Adolf Gymnasium (RK Teeninduse OÜ) and Tallinn Secondary School no. 32 (Koolitoitlustuse OÜ). Special prizes for good work done over the years went to Tallinn Rahumäe Basic School (OÜ Orfeum), Tallinn Ranniku Gymnasium (OÜ Bramos) and Tallinn Paekaare Gymnasium (AS Tuleleek).

"Children do know what is healthy and want it, but it is only grown-ups who steer them wisely towards the right choice," stated Evelin Ilves. "The best school refreshment bars have accomplished something that seemed impossible – they are able to sustain a business offering healthy food that is attractive for children. Running a healthy school refreshment bar – this is a great art."

The Healthy School Refreshment Bar inspection competition is aimed at maintaining a healthy and diversified assortment in school refreshment bars. The intent is also to motivate caterers to co-operate with school management and the health council while increasing the awareness among students of healthy eating habits. The event is organised by Tallinn Department of Education in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture. Evelin Ilves has been awarding the plaques for school refreshment bars for the past three years.

The best school refreshment bars were chosen by specialists from Tallinn Department of Education and the Estonian Association of Consultants on Nutritional Treatment. The evaluation criteria included, for example, the availability of fresh fruits and berries, vegetables and green salads, sandwiches and sandwich covers, natural and freshly squeezed juices in the assortment. The panel of judges also greatly appreciated the role of the health councils and health care officials in choosing the assortment offered by the school refreshment bar, the products available for diabetics and other children with special needs and the availability of organic agricultural products.

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