

Who's Fakin' It? ... "Whole Grain" Cereals



It's the latest thing now ... the children's morning sugar surge has been plastered with the words "made with whole grains", to make it more likely that parents will buy it.

But adding a bit of whole grain to these Cocoa Puffs or those Fruit Loops does not magically make it convert into a health food.

Nor does that make it an important part of a balanced diet.

First of all, the stuff on the front is all marketing. Don't pay attention to that part. Rather, turn the container over and

look for three clues:

A. In the ingredients list, look for whole grains — like whole wheat, brown rice, oats or rye — in one of the first ingredient items.

- B. In the nutrition panel, look for cereals with no more than seven grams of sugar.
- C. Buy cereals that contain at least five grams of fiber.

Good luck out there!!