

Watchung Hills Regional High School **Hall of Fame**



Eleanor Mathews
Community Member

The charter of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame includes not only WHRHS alumni, but also community members who have been significant contributors to the WHRHS experience. Eleanor exemplifies that “significant contributor,” as many consider her to be the “heart and soul” of Watchung Hills and the official reporter for Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Eleanor is a graduate of Hunter College where she started her journey into the world of journalism. She has shared her journalistic skills with the Watchung Hills community for almost four decades. She has been a contributor to the “Echoes Sentinel” for many years, with significant stories related directly to Watchung Hills Regional High School, as well as many other stories focusing on the Warren/Watchung/Long Hill area that is home to the families whose children attend WHRHS.

Eleanor has written stories over the years that capture the essence and spirit of the Watchung Hills Regional High experience. Those stories have spanned the range of student achievement, faculty achievement and the evolution of the high school itself. Eleanor has been able to walk the fine line between a journalist’s objectivity and an insider’s knowledge of WHRHS, having been so closely involved with the school over the years.

Eleanor’s achievements have also served as an example to the generations of students at Watchung Hills. Her participation, leadership and persistence were instrumental in preventing the loss of the Great Swamp to the Port Authority’s plan for an international airport. It is now preserved forever as the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Eleanor, thank you for what you have done for our community and our school... and welcome into the WHRHS Hall of Fame.