For the last photo of the Washington staff, we decided to go ‘old school’ by publishing the picture in black and white. Incidentally, when Washington opened in 1915 it had just four teachers and the photo below from 1930 shows a staff of 10. All of those pictured (then and now) are among the approximately 3,000 people who have worked at Washington over the past century-plus and in our expanded, online edition of this yearbook, you ‘find an ‘all-time staff’ list with the names of 400 of them. The complete yearbook is on the Manchester Public Schools website —(www.MPS Pride.org) then choose the ‘district’ table and ‘history’ page.
When Washington School opened, Woodrow Wilson was president and the United States was fighting 'the war to end all wars.' In the 104 years since, our country has had 17 other presidents and fought a second World War and seen so much more – from man landing on the moon to the birth of the internet.

Yes, a lot has happened since Washington opened, and for tens of thousands of Manchester children, this is where they've been as they've learned about history – and math, and reading and writing and life.

One lesson everyone learns is that change is inevitable, and although Washington is closing as a school, the building will remain, as will more than a century of memories. Our current students (shown above posing one last time) will grow up and do great things, just as generations before them have done (at right are students from 1936). On behalf of everyone who has worked here over the years, I want to send all of our students – both present and past – best wishes. I know I speak for the entire Washington community when I say that it's been a privilege to be part of this wonderful institution.

Principal Karen Gray