

WASHINGTON UNITED

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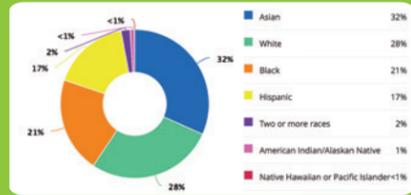
ACTIVITY MAP

Washington is a unique historical landmark as it is still in use today. The site has evolved in its use as a High School, Sixth Grade Center, and now Elementary School. The integrity of the building has remained even as additions have been added to the Main Building.

*Historical interactions are displayed in blue and present activity in white.



Opened in 1924, Washington School was originally designed with 30 classrooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria and a library. In 1927, the South Wing was added, which included 14 rooms and a division between the elementary & high school departments.



Washington was the first black public high school in Raleigh. The school was transformed into a Sixth Grade Center in 1971. In 1982, Washington became a Elementary Magnet school, with a high Asian & White demographic.



The main entrance is primarily used by parents and staff. The original doors of the main entrance have been replaced.



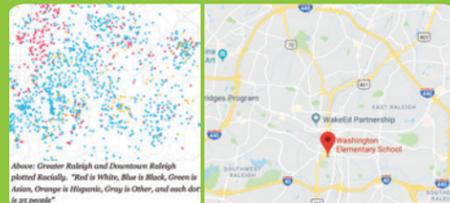
The building's exterior has remained unchanged but the interior has been remodeled. The architecture is an example of Jacobean Style, which was common for schools in the 1920s.



Alumni Delores Wilder, notes that she rode the city bus to downtown Raleigh then walked to Fayetteville Street, where the school is located. Today, there is a carpool lane in line with the front of the school where parents drop off their kids.



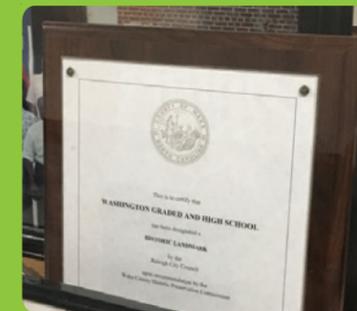
Sports teams played against other black high schools in NC but black schools could not play against white schools in the area. Today, you can find kids playing in the gym, which was added in 1950.



New Raleigh's racially population map (2010) depicts that the communities surrounding the school are primarily Black.



Alumni Gertrude Pope noted that academics were stressed but teachers also hosted band and chorus classes. The legacy of academic excellence continues today through a variety of electives for elementary students.



The school has been recognized as a historical landmark by the Raleigh City Council.



The picture above shows the apartment community located directly across from the school. This area serves those who work in downtown Raleigh and those in need of public housing.

CONCEPT MAP

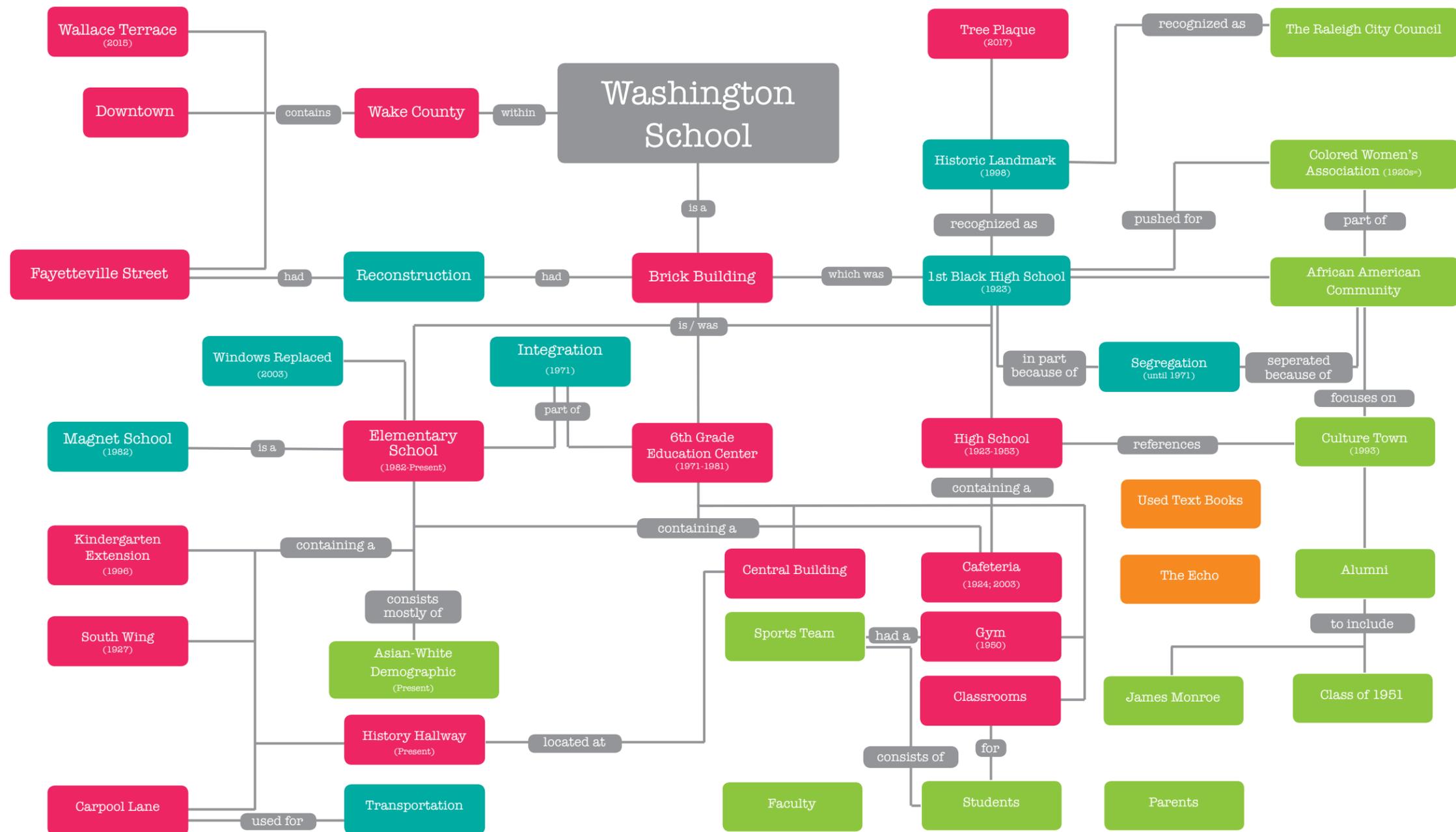
SETTINGS

PEOPLE

EVENTS

OBJECTS

The people and events associated with Washington make the school significant. Over the years, elements (both physical and social) have added to its significance while other elements have remained the same since Washington's establishment.



PERSONAS

Washington United is designed for those with connections to the school. Through the app, users can gain more knowledge about the building and the environment of the school both historically and currently.

*Insider perspectives- teachers & students

*Outsider perspectives- parents



Brandon is a 5th grade student at Washington. In a class activity he uses the “Timeline” and “Take Photo” features of the app as an interactive learning tool.

STUDENTS

PARENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Miller are new to the Raleigh area and are thinking about enrolling their children at Washington. They use the “Demographics” and “School Involvement” features of the app to understand the culture of the school.

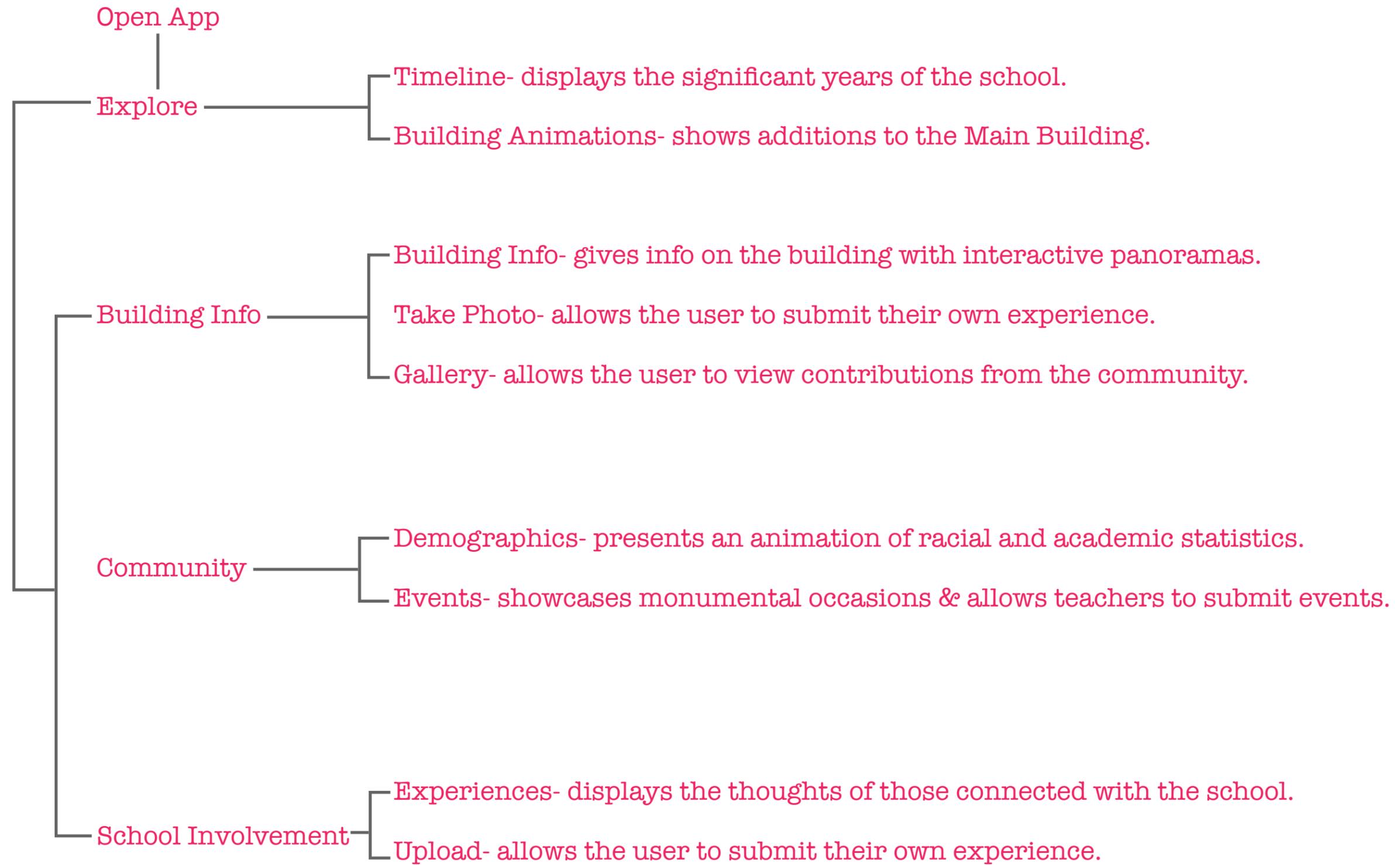


Mrs. Jackson recently accepted a teaching position at Washington. She uses the app to gain knowledge on the environment of the school and plans to use the app in her teaching lessons.

TEACHERS

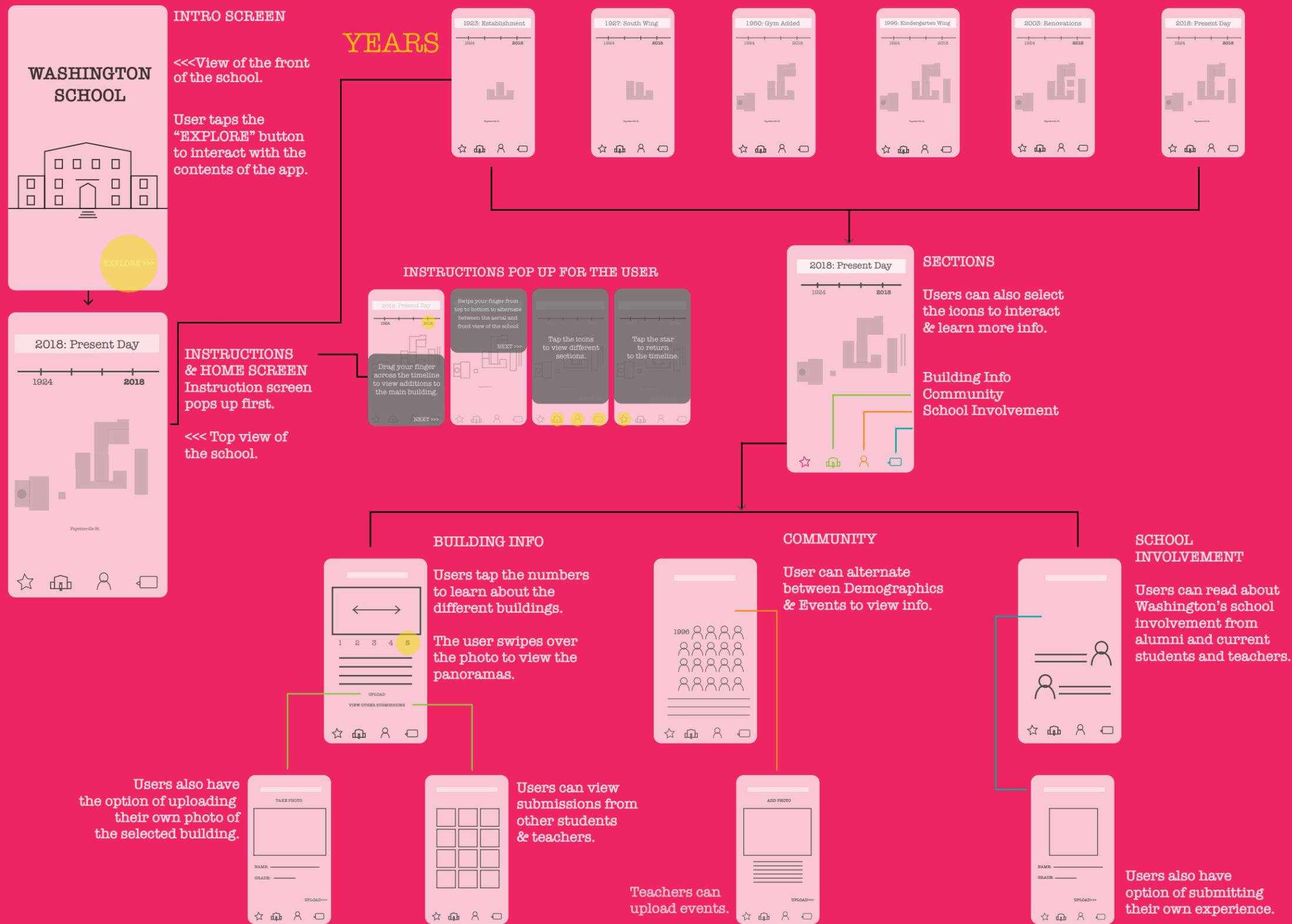
TASK ANALYSIS

The functions of the app give the user the opportunity to interact with the information in front of them. For example, users can scroll through the panoramas on the “Building Info” page. Users can also contribute their own experiences for the community to see as seen on the “School Involvement” page.



LO-FI

Because Washington School has been transformed over the years, it's important for the user to have the ability to view the changes comparatively. The "Timeline" feature allows the user to effeciently analyze the differences of the building throughout the years. The app also allows the user to swipe between the past and present on the "Demographics" & "School Invovement" pages.



HI-FI

Washington United is designed to serve as a digital yearbook;
highlighting the school's transformation- from its establishment to present day.

