

Lee Wilson, Jr., CCHS:



May's iHistorian

Citizenship / Civic Learning is a major **Shift** in the new History/Social Science Framework. Students in Lee Wilson's classroom have been learning the importance of civic engagement for years - not through a textbook, but

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Elementary Teacher NEWS & SUPPORT

1. The 3rd grade Agua Caliente History Curriculum materials are all delivered and teachers are currently implementing the program. Many sites will be visited and highlighted during the month. Follow this implementation on [Twitter.com/psusdHSS](https://twitter.com/psusdHSS) or [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/psusdHSS).
2. Survey - this school year has moved along and is quickly coming to an end. The newly adopted (Fall 2018) **PSUSD Elementary Instructional Map** has a focus shift to at least one social studies lesson per week. To facilitate effective implementation of this requirement, please take this **SURVEY**. One teacher at each site will be randomly selected and highlighted in an upcoming issue of iHistorian (possibly more)!

Resources Review

- [Socrative.com](https://www.socrative.com/) - Your classroom app for fun, effective engagement and on-the-fly assessments. "Fun and Effective Formative Assessment". See an [overview here](#) ... and more details following.

For tutorials, applications, and more click:

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End-of-Year Assignments & Activities

As this school year comes to a close, break out of your mold and try some of these fresh, reflective, end-of-year

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Daily Writing - Connect Current Events

Do you have your students write daily? Looking for new ways for students to research, write, discuss, all with relevant content? Try the site: [National Today](https://www.nationaltoday.com/) ...

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Textbook Adoption Training Dates SET

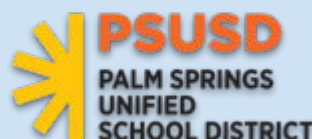
The PSUSD Board adopted texts of Impact by McGraw-Hill for grades 6-8 and History/Government/Econ Alive! by TCI for grades 10-12 training dates are set. Teachers need ONLY attend ONE of the two-day sessions. The dates are in PDLinks, sign up for only ONE two-day training regardless of your teaching schedule:

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Upcoming Dates

- 5/3 - [WHOO](#) Banquet
- 5/3 - [School Lunch Hero Day](#)
- 5/8 - [National School Nurse Day](#)

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through the living example of Mr. Wilson.

Lee was born in San Jacinto, CA. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Russian Language from Arizona State and Masters in National Security/Eurasia from CSU, San Bernardino. His current assignment is 10th/11th grade World and U.S. History at Cathedral City High School. He has been in education for 26 years (22 with PSUSD).

Before coming to PSUSD, Lee was in the Peace Corps (teaching high school English in Poland) and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. In the Marines, he was part of the recovery effort of Korean Flight 007 that was shot down in the Sea of Japan.

Lee not only teaches his students the importance of civic involvement, he lives it. Lee founded the Palm Springs Fallen Heroes Project, which honors local MIA/KIAs.

"I began this effort to honor and remember two of my former students at CCHS: PFC Ming Sun, KIA Iraq and CWO2 Suresh NA Krause, KIA Afghanistan. It quickly morphed into honoring all our locals who gave their lives in service to our country. I also organize the Palm Springs Teachers Association component to the Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade where we honor our local Gold Star families." Please feel free to reach out to Lee if you have any questions at lwilson@psusd.us.

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Lee and his efforts have been featured many times (both locally and nationally). In honor of Memorial Day this month, check out some of these stories, assign these to students, and remember our local heroes:

[CV Weekly](#)

[American Legion \(PS\)](#)

[LegionTown](#)

[Desert Sun](#)

Are you doing something innovative, creative, unique? Know someone who is?

** For June / August iHistorian, we would like to feature a before/after story on teachers traveling to historically significant locales and sharing how it will impact their teaching. Send an email with details to reves@psusd.us.

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Resources Review

- [Socrative.com](#) - Time is a concern in all aspects of the teaching profession. Learning a new method for assessing students isn't always the highest priority among teachers ... but this may be worth your time (if not now, then over the summer). You can search or create a quiz, have students compete, or create quick and easy exit tickets. Reports and results are in real-time. It can be used on multiple platforms (computers, laptops, tablets, phones). There is a full-range of [YouTube](#) videos to walk you through making Socrative work for you. There are both free and pro versions available.

(Have a suggestion for a great resource you'd like to share, email reves@psusd.us or check out other resources @ www.psusdhistory.us.)

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Here are the sessions ... click and sign up for the session that best fits your schedule:

Middle School - attend one of the two-day trainings

- [M/T, June 10 & 11](#)

... OR

- [M/T, June 17 & 18](#)

High School - attend one of the two-day trainings

* US/World

- [M/T, June 10 & 11](#)

.. or ...

- [W/Th, June 19 & 20](#)

* Civ/Econ

- [W/Th, June 12 & 13](#)

... or ...

- [M/T, June 17 & 18](#)

You will get paid the “new” PD rate for these trainings. If these dates don’t work, there will be a one day follow up training after the new school year starts. It will be on a workday and will not include the PD stipend rate.

If you have any questions regarding the program or process, please seek out one of our super pilot teachers at your site or email reves@psusd.us.

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activities (view the FULL list of 30 activities and the instructions for every grade at [We Are Teachers](#)):

- List what you’ve learned from A to Z
- Send thank you notes
- Let the students become the teachers (for the brave at heart)
- Six words memoir project
- Take a field trip to the next grade
- Write letters or tips for next year’s class
- Compose an end-of-year continuing story
- Publish a year-end newspaper
- Put together time capsules
- Plan your dream vacation

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Daily Writing - Connect Current Events

Have your students ever asked why they have a 3-day weekend or wondered what the difference is between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? This site brings pop culture and history together. "We keep track of fun holidays and special moments on the cultural calendar — giving you exciting activities, deals, local events, brand promotions, and other exciting ways to celebrate." It is a great resource for Warm Ups, Bell Work, Station Rotation Discussions, Mini Research Project, Mini Presentations, and much more. Here are just a few of the upcoming days in May:

- May 1 - [May Day](#)
- May 2 - [National Brothers and Sisters Day](#)
- May 4 - [Star Wars Day](#)
- May 5 - [Cinco de Mayo](#) and [National Hoagie Day](#)
- May 7 - [National Teacher Day](#)
- May 12 - [Mother's Day](#)
- May 17 - [National Pizza Party Day](#)
- May 18 - [National No Dirty Dishes Day](#)
- May 20 - [National "Be a Millionaire" Day](#)
- May 27 - [Memorial Day](#)
- May 28 - [National Brisket Day](#) (*my favorite*)

The site also features "Months" ... May is:

- National [Arthritis Awareness Month](#)
- National [Barbecue Month](#)
- National [Salsa Month](#)
- National [Teen Self-Esteem Month](#)

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Upcoming Dates

- 5/8 - [Day of the Teacher](#)
- 5/6-5/10 - [Week of the Teacher](#)
- 5/17 - [DigiCom 2019](#)
- 5/19-5/25 - [Classified School Employee Week](#)
- 5/31 - [Memorial Day \(observed\)](#) - No School
- 6/7 - [Last Day of Instruction](#)
- 6/10-6/14 - [S3 Conference - Textbook Training](#)
- 6/17-6/21 - [S3 Conference - Textbook Training](#)
- 7/4 - [Independence Day](#)

Do you have upcoming events at your site others should know about? Email reves@psusd.us and let us know.