

Pediatric Occupational Therapist Cris Rowan presented
“Back to Basics” on October 29, 2013
 to health and education staff in Bella Coola, BC.

What did the participants have to say?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Workshop objectives were met	50%	38%		12%	
Workshop was well organized	88%	12%			
Workshop was just the right length	50%	38%		12%	
Instructor was well informed	100%				
Workshop materials were useful	75%	25%			

Most valuable information learned in workshop:

- How schools can take steps towards decreasing tech use and increasing learning in the classroom.
- Trunk/shoulder mobility/wrist position/grip and exercises to improve printing
- Helping children learn to print.
- Hand grip and the steps to it.
- Attention, alignment, posture, info for clients/parents/drag vs no drag
- Workshop was very informative!
- The incredible value of printing.
- Importance of learning how to print. Very helpful.

Information not covered that would like in future workshops:

- No
- No
- No clue!
- No

How workshop could have been better or more helpful:

- Spend less time on the ‘lead-in’ and more time on the printing issues. The more critical part (for me as a teacher) was pages 5-15 in handout.
- More time.
- More time.
- Everything good

Would you recommend this workshop to others? If not, why not?

- Yes, all elementary teachers should have this workshop info.
- Yes
- Yes, very useful
- Yes
- Yes, more knowledge the better
- Yes, definitely recommend
- Yes to parents who think teachers are the only ones who can teach this.
- Yes, very much

Additional Comments:

- Is there a possibility of a 2-3 hour workshop for our district primary teachers? Maybe in follow-up to anything that might come out of the Friday Pro-D workshop (Pro-D chair cfraser@sd49.bc.ca). Possibility of the “nature exposure” and “literacy” connection (or lack of it) in Bella Coola.
- Ran out of time.

Analysis: generally well received, with one comment to reduce theory and expand practical section.

Action: will delete some slides on why need to teach printing, and more on how to do it. Will contact Pro-D chair re: another workshop.