

## Responses from our 2007 Tablet Institute Participants

I got clear ideas about how teachers are using the tablets in their classrooms. Mostly I appreciated their anecdotes about how the technology has improved both their teaching and their students' learning. The presenters were all so well prepared and skills at demonstrating projects and software. I am coming away with a good sense of the differences offered by tablets compared to laptops, which was one of my main objectives.

I learned a lot at this institute. It met my needs well b/c as a chairman of our Educational Technology Leadership Team, I needed to learn more about the advantages of a tablet over a laptop in the classroom.

Today was fantastic. I was able to talk to lots of teachers in just my content area and it was spectacular! It was wonderful to have my own machine to work and play on. I took away many ideas to implement in my classroom right away.

I was very interested in seeing how teachers use their tablets. It has helped me see what uses I can get for my classes. I was particularly interested in using audio files. The photo story program and the video maker will be very useful for me as well.

I really enjoyed the Institute...you and Gloria are so enthusiastic about your work that it was so much fun to spend three days with you. I came to the Institute hoping to learn more about what I could do with my tablet, and although I found I already knew a lot about my tablet, I still discovered new things and the teacher presentations gave me some new ideas.

My goal was to observe how teachers used instructional material in the classroom environment. Since teaching with tablets is in a beta phase at our organization, learning what types of techniques and materials work with students will help me with my faculty training. Since I'm not an educator, it was instrumental for me to learn what makes the tablet useful in the classroom.

I was very pleased to see the way the institute used tablet pc's and can't wait to take the information back to EHS. I'm sure, they will be a wonderful add-on to our already established 1-1 laptop program

Very much so. I've always thought I wanted a tablet, and now I have very specific uses to take to my administration to justify my desire. I will also be able to use it effectively on Day 1 when I do get a tablet.

I really liked all of the teacher and instructional resources but I was hoping to learn more about one to one student use.

What surprised me was how OPEN and welcoming the teachers were as we "invaded" their learning environments. This was much appreciated. We were well taken care of, too. We were scheduled for all time, so nothing was lost or wasted.

I have a much clearer vision of the potentialities of the tablet in teaching. I've personally acquired a lot of tablet skills which will need a lot more practice when I get home.

I think we were hoping that we would see more ways different from our own in using the technology by still learned a lot while we were here. There are so many ideas I have to bring back to my school and hope I don't lose any of them in my pages and pages of notes. I really enjoyed the chance to speak in a round table discussion with the Language Department.

I appreciate the amount of time given. It gave our group a lot of time to discuss possible implementation at our school during our downtime/evenings, time we'd be hard pressed to find at home. I think each member of our group got a lot out of the roundtable discussions on day 3.

The Tablet Institute makes you see how a tablet is crucial for an interactive and media-enriched classroom. - Crystal Frommert Duchesne Academy Houston, TX

Very nice pace. The setting was perfect. Bolles is not only a beautiful place, but a great learning ground for those interested in seeing tablets at work. We were able to easily visit different classrooms, lower and upper school, which really gives a bigger picture of tablet use in the different disciplines.

The Bolles Tablet PC Institute was a fantastic experience for our group of teachers and administrators from Lovett. The duration of the program gave us ample opportunity to share ideas amongst ourselves and with attendees from other schools. Teachers from nearly all disciplines demonstrated how they use the features unique to the tablet and, more importantly, expressed how the technology actually improved their teaching and their students' learning. I hope more teachers from our school will be able to attend the Institute in the future!

The Institute was much more effective at Bolles than it would have been in a more traditional conference center, because we were able to see the teachers' daily use of the Tablet on the front lines, and how it affects their interactions with their students. Tom Berry Episcopal High School Alexandria, VA