

The Wildwood Fund Recognition Circles celebrate the legacy of these education pioneers. Each level is named in their honor, reflecting their contributions to the values we hold dear.



**John Dewey
(1859-1952)**
Often regarded as the father of progressive education, Dewey

emphasized experiential learning, critical thinking, and democratic values. He championed hands-on, inquiry-based teaching to prepare students for active participation in society.



**Ted Sizer
(1932-2009)**
A leading voice in 20th-century education reform, Sizer championed personalized,

student-centered learning, critical thinking, mastery of essential skills, and collaborative school cultures.



**Deborah Meier
(b. 1931)**

A pioneer in progressive education, Meier promotes project-based learning, critical thinking, and collaboration to empower students as active citizens.



**Beverly Daniel Tatum
(b. 1954)**

A psychologist and educator, Tatum has been a transformative voice in fostering inclusive school communities and addressing systemic inequities through education.



**Linda Darling-Hammond
(b. 1951)**

A champion of equitable education, Darling-Hammond's work focuses on creating effective, student-centered learning environments.



**Loris Malaguzzi
(1920-1994)**

Founder of the Reggio Emilia approach, Malaguzzi viewed children as capable and curious learners, promoting creativity, collaboration, and environmental exploration.



**Nel Noddings
(1929-2022)**

A proponent of care ethics in education, Noddings emphasized the importance of relationships, compassion, and a holistic approach to teaching and learning.