

Assessment as Mindful Practice



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A bit about me



Top 5 Strengths

- Relator
- Strategic
- Individualization
- Positivity
- Maximizer



Mind Full, or Mindful?

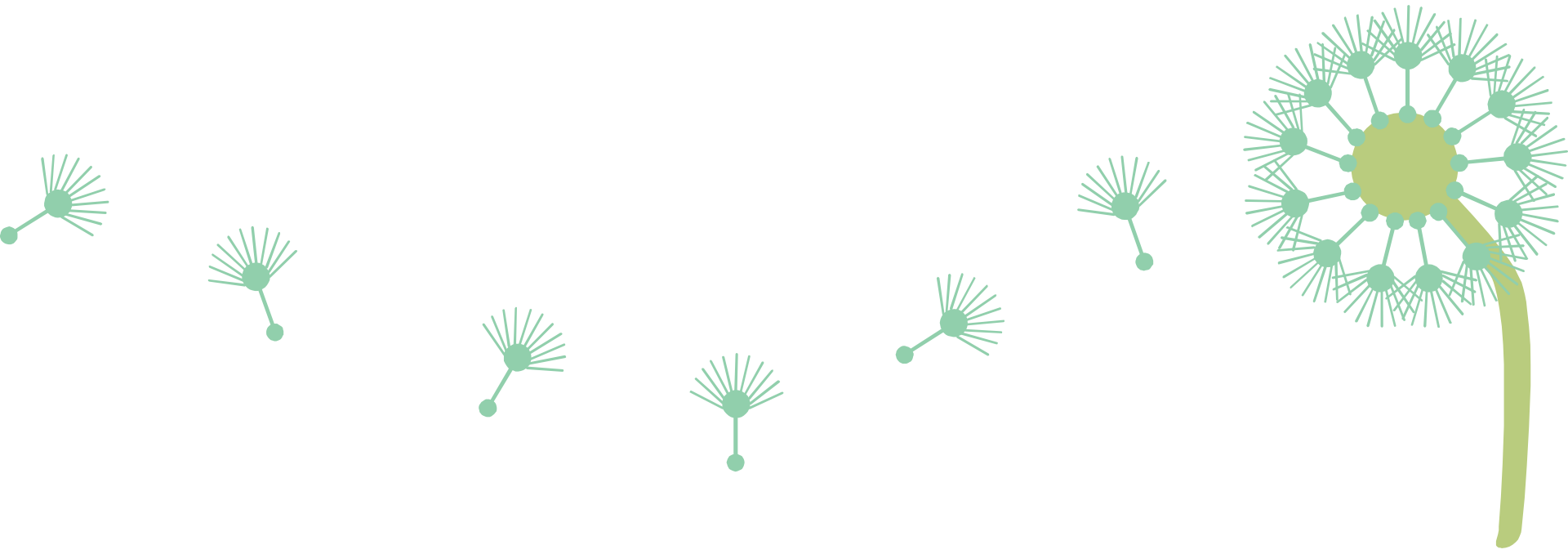


Happy Thoughts Travel Fast (HTTF)



What I hope you reflect on...

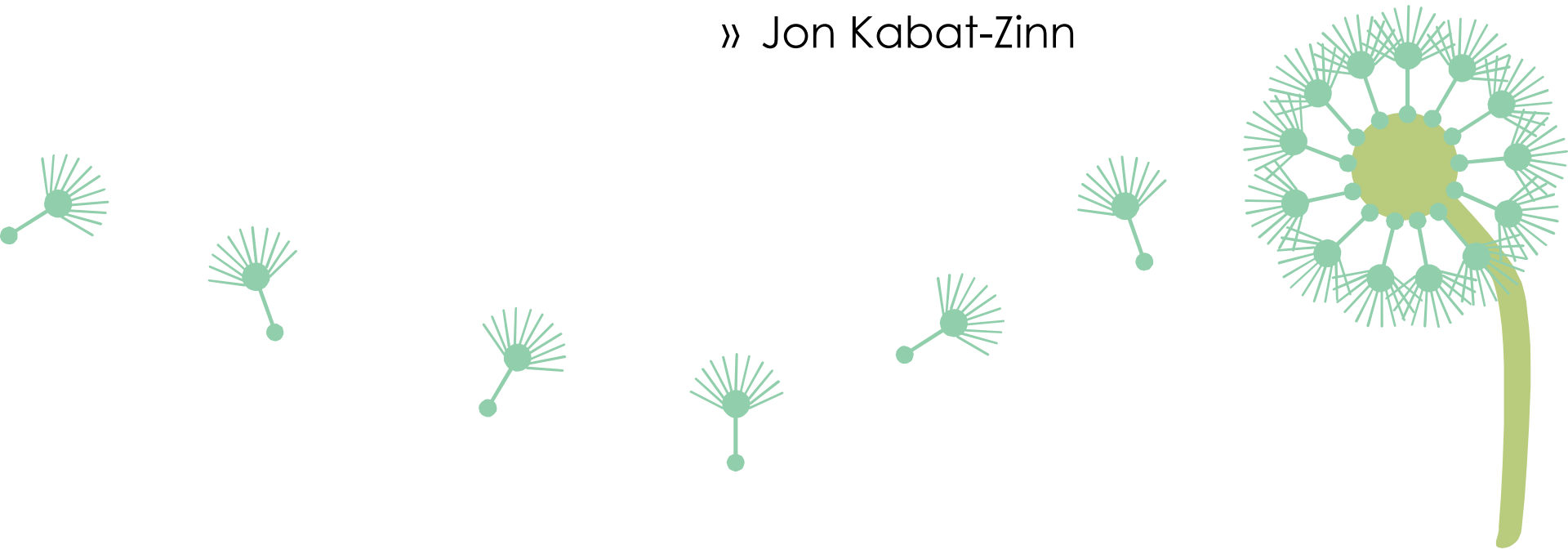
- Basic concepts of mindfulness
- Transfer of learning from one life context to another



What is Mindfulness?

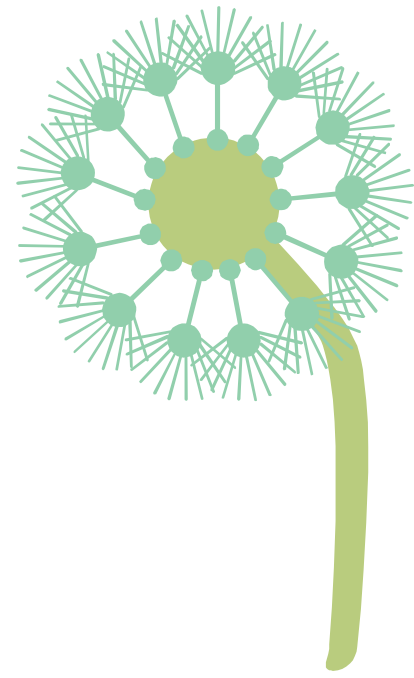
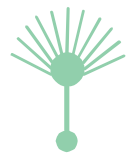
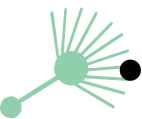
- “Mindfulness is paying attention in a particular way; on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgmentally.”

» Jon Kabat-Zinn



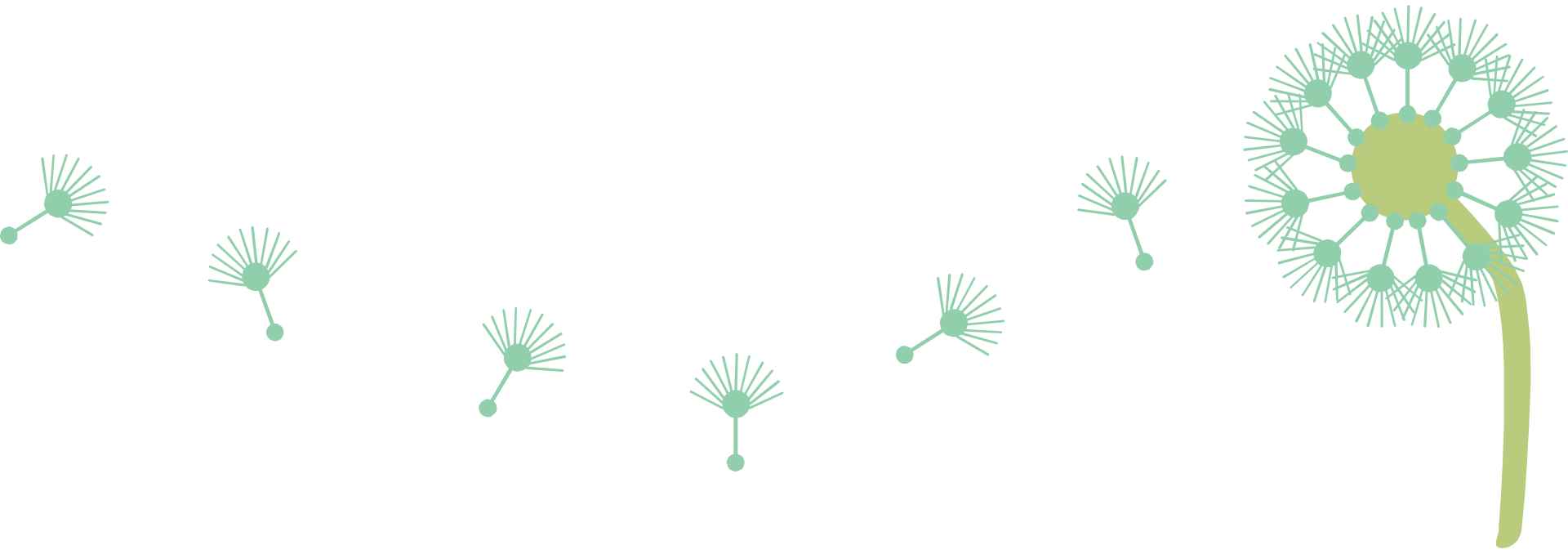
7 Attitudes of Mindfulness

- Acceptance
- Patience
- Non-striving
- Trust
- Letting Go
- Non-Judging
- Beginner's Mind



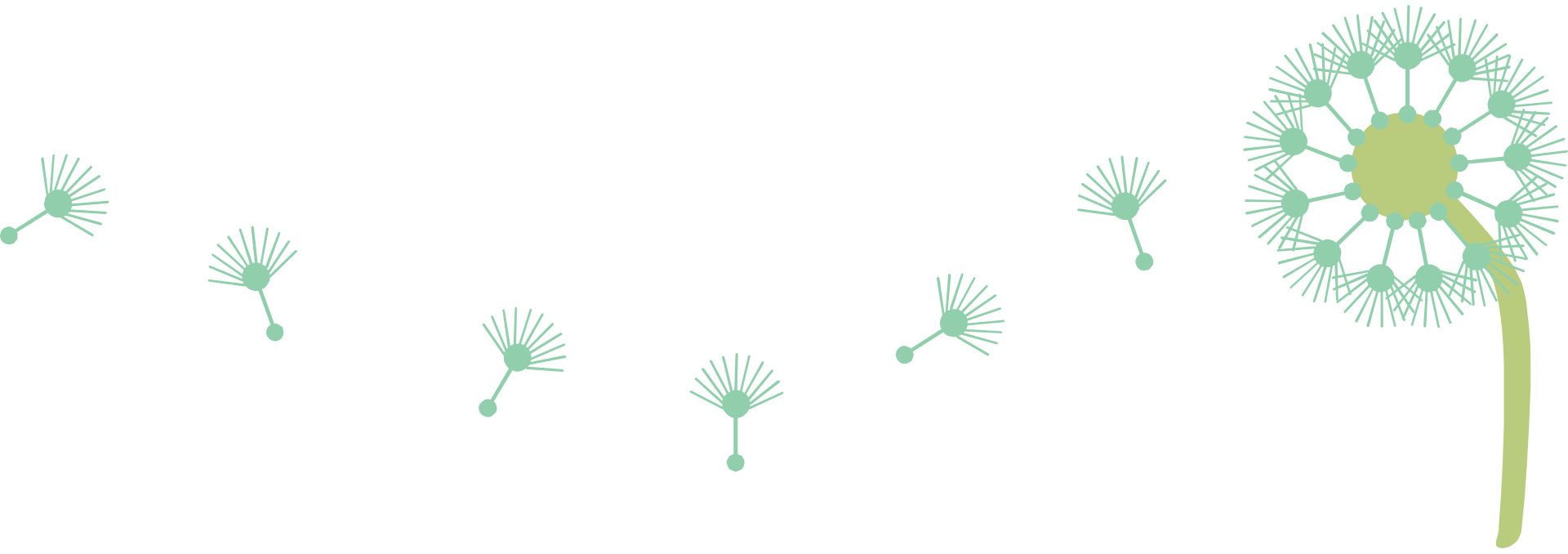
Mindfulness and Assessment

- Paying attention
- Waiting for the data before responding



Three Key Concepts

- Responding vs. Reacting
- A Child's Mind
- Affectionate Detachment



Respond vs. React

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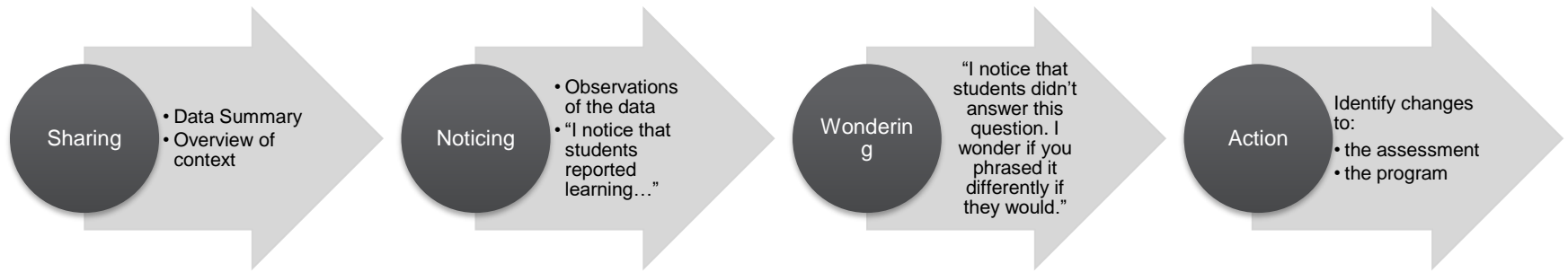
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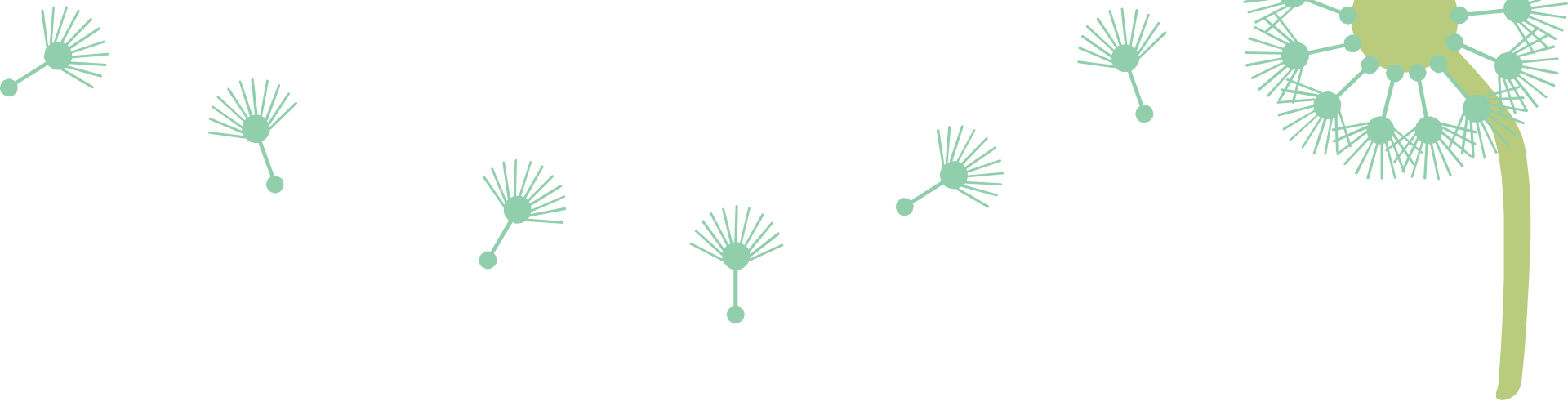
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Data Dialogue (Response)



- Creates a community of practice
- Decreases defensiveness
- Increases shared ownership
- "Blameless Autopsy"



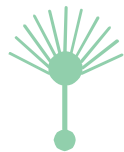
A Beginner's Mind

- A mind that isn't already made up
- Open to curiosity, discovery
- Observing
- Being willing not to be an expert



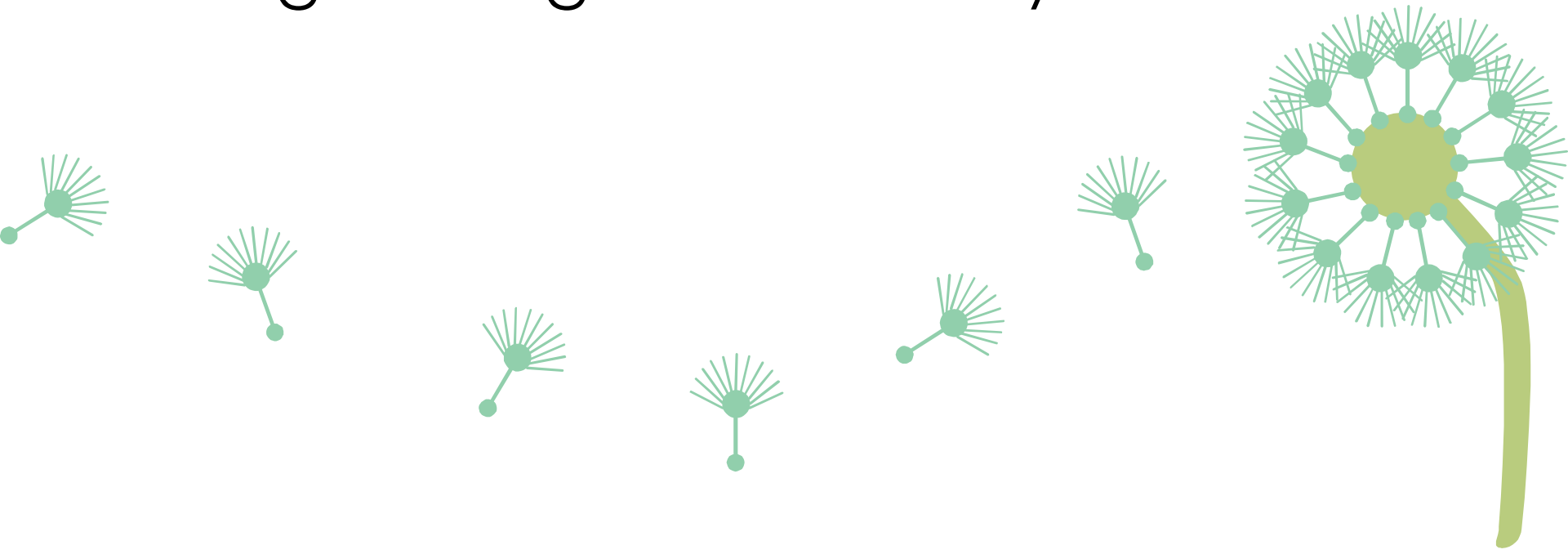
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- “We lose something very vital in our lives when it is more important to us to be “the one who knows” than it is to be awake to what’s happening” – Abbess Zenkel Blanche Hartman



Affectionate Detachment

- Caring, but recognizing that control is an illusion
- Committed to being open to seeing things through students' eyes



“The best way to capture moments is to pay attention. This is how we cultivate mindfulness. Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing.” — [Jon Kabat-Zinn](#)

