

The Bold Educator

Empowering Educators to Lead, Reflect, and Rise

Issue 1: "Start Bold"

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Lead with Boldness: A Message from Natoya

A Bold New Beginning for a Brand-New Year

Dear Bold Educator,

As summer winds down and a new school year peeks around the corner, now is the perfect time to pause, reflect, and reset. Whether you're leading a classroom, coaching teachers, or guiding a program, your impact is felt deeply. In this issue, you'll find a strategy to anchor your leadership, a free tool to fuel intentional planning, and a personal challenge to help you rise boldly into the year ahead.

You were made for this moment and I'm so glad you're here.

—Natoya Carroll Latrice

Founder, Peak Pro Developments

Where's Peak Pro Developments?

♦ Sept. 12-13, 2025 | TLCCA Boots and Bling

Round Up Conference – Dallas, TX

♦ Now Booking: Fall & Winter 2025 In-Service

Trainings for Early Ed–6th Grade

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Call to Action

💬 Tell Me: What bold goals are you setting this year?

Hit reply and let me know, or tag me on SubStack @peakprodevelopments.

👉 Ready to bring this work to your school?

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Bold Moves: Strategy of the Month

Strategy: "Start with Strengths" Meetings

Before diving into procedures and paperwork, build connection by hosting short "Start with Strengths" chats with your team or students' families. Ask:

- "What are you most proud of from last year?"
- "What helps you feel supported and seen?"
- "What's one strength you want to grow this year?"

These conversations build trust, self-awareness, and a strengths-based culture from Day 1.

Tools to Elevate Practice

Included in this issue is the Reflect & Rise Planning Sheet

A one-page printable designed for teachers to reflect on:

- What worked last year
- What needs a reset
- Personal intentions for the new year

Spotlight Feature: Bold Family Engagement

Quick Tip: Start family engagement before the first day of school.

Host a virtual "Meet the Teacher," send a welcome postcard, or invite parents to share one goal for their child. Let families know they're part of the learning team.



Reflect and Rise

START BOLD PLANNING SHEET



Reflect on Last Year

What worked well?

What challenges did I face?

What did I learn?

Reset with Intention

What mindset or habit will I release?

What bold new practice will I embrace?

Rise Boldly

What is your word or theme for the year?

Write a short mission statement that will guide your work this year:
