

Altrusans teach kids to mind their manners

STAFF REPORT

Altrusa of Dallas will host its annual Social Skills Saturday event at City Park Elementary School from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students are invited to a sit-down lunch, complete with motivational message and etiquette lessons.

D.J. Headkrack from "The Rickey Smiley Morning Show" on 97.9 The Beat, Dallas' hip-hop station, will talk to the students about his experiences and the importance of staying in school. This is Headkrack's second year to be involved with the project.



MS. PRESIDENT: North Dallas resident Michelle May is president of Altrusa Dallas.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TEACHING LIFE LESSONS: D.J. Headkrack at last year's event

Colleen Rickenbacker, renowned speaker and author of *Be on Your Best Business Behavior*, will provide the etiquette lesson, including how to set a table and use table manners.

"We are very honored to have two wonderful speakers for the children this year. The children absolutely loved meeting and hearing from Headkrack last year. He is very talented and entertaining, and I am sure that they will

enjoy him again this year," said Jodee Sedalnick, chairwoman of the project and North Dallas resident. "Ms. Rickenbacker has presented for many prestigious organizations, including the Altrusa District Conference in 2005. I know the children will enjoy hearing from her."

City Park Elementary School is located near Old City Park in Dallas and, as part of the Dallas Independent School District, serves

many low-income and homeless students.

"City Park Elementary is an important part of our service to the community. The children are wonderful and so grateful. We truly love working with them," said Michelle May, president of Altrusa Dallas and a North Dallas resident.

Information submitted by Altrusa of Dallas president Michelle May.