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New amusement park off to a flying start



LUNA-TICS: Lynn's Trapeze is a big hit at yesterday's preview of Coney Island's new Luna Park kicking off Memorial Day weekend.

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Coney Island's hot again!

Hundreds of Brooklyn kids yesterday got a sneak peek at a new amusement park — getting a jump on what forecasters expect to be a mostly beautiful Memorial Day weekend.

Squeals of delight ruled as the kids took spins on nine of the 19 attractions at Luna Park, on the site of the old Astroland, which shut down in 2008.

Luna, which officially opens today, got rave reviews.

"I felt like I was Superman! I was flying up in the air!" grinning PS 90 first-grader Joshua Porsunsky, 7, said after riding the Kite Glider, which creates the sensation of free flight.

Magaly Lopez, 11, a fifth-grader, tried out the Coney Island Sound.

"Wow! I felt like I was going up and down and all around, and my whole stomach felt like it had butterflies," she said.

Fifth-grader Jailene Baizen, 11, said, "I liked Astroland a lot, but this place is a lot cooler. It has many new rides I've never ever

seen before."

There is a chance of a thunder-shower today.

"There will be many places that don't get rain at all," said AccuWeather.com meteorologist Alex Sosnowski. "There will be breaks of sunshine and a high of 76."

Tomorrow's forecast calls for sunshine for "the vast majority" of the day, with a high of 87.

And Memorial Day itself? Sunshine "followed by patchy clouds. Warm and a tad more humid, with a high of 85."

Astroland's shutdown dealt a

mighty blow to the once-fabled amusement district, but Mayor Bloomberg, attending yesterday's opening ceremonies, said, "I think the tough times are finally over. Coney Island is coming back, as is Brooklyn."

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