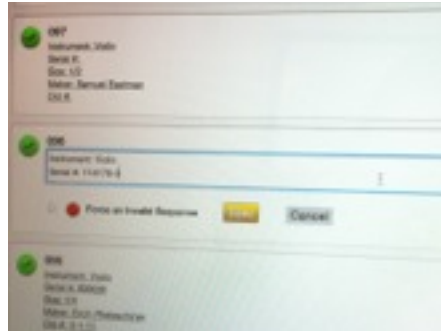
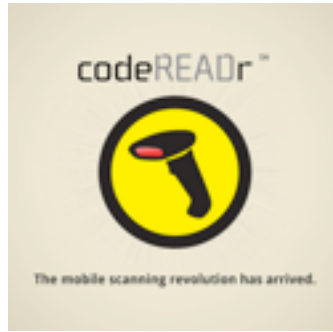


# MASON COUNTY ORCHESTRA

Maysville, Kentucky



## codeREADr is now being used in instrument inventory

By The Mason County High School Music Department

The Mason County Orchestra wanted to implement a barcode inventory system to keep accurate records of all of the instruments that we have in our school system starting at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. The Music Department Student Staff started off by researching different iOS apps that could create an online database and would also allow us to create and scan barcodes with the app for the mobile device.

The Department needed mobile software because there are instruments in all four of schools in our district. The Department also didn't want to have to carry around a computer and scanner to keep inventory on instruments at each school. Upon research, the only result that would fit our

needs was codeREADr, so the journey began!

The Department took the initiative by creating barcode labels with a Dymo Rhino Pro 5200 Industrial Label. With the printed labels, we placed them onto the instrument, and kept record of the type, serial number, size, and maker. We then put the info into the online database on codeREADr.com.

Afterwards, we added a series of questions including the check out date, contract status, paid status, return date, string condition, and the student information. Once all of the instruments' information was put into the database, we began to scan all of the instruments and answer the questions that we created

before.

This online software is much more efficient than the previous method of keeping inventory of the instruments. The department used spread sheets and added all of the instrument and student data manually. Now we can just pull out an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch and scan the instruments barcode. It presents questions for us and a quick reply is all that is needed. It is much faster than our old system and it keeps everything up-to-date.

We knew that with our changing world, an advanced program was needed for our inventory system. Using codeREADr has improved our organization and efficiency in the music department. We are pleased to have found such a wonderful program.